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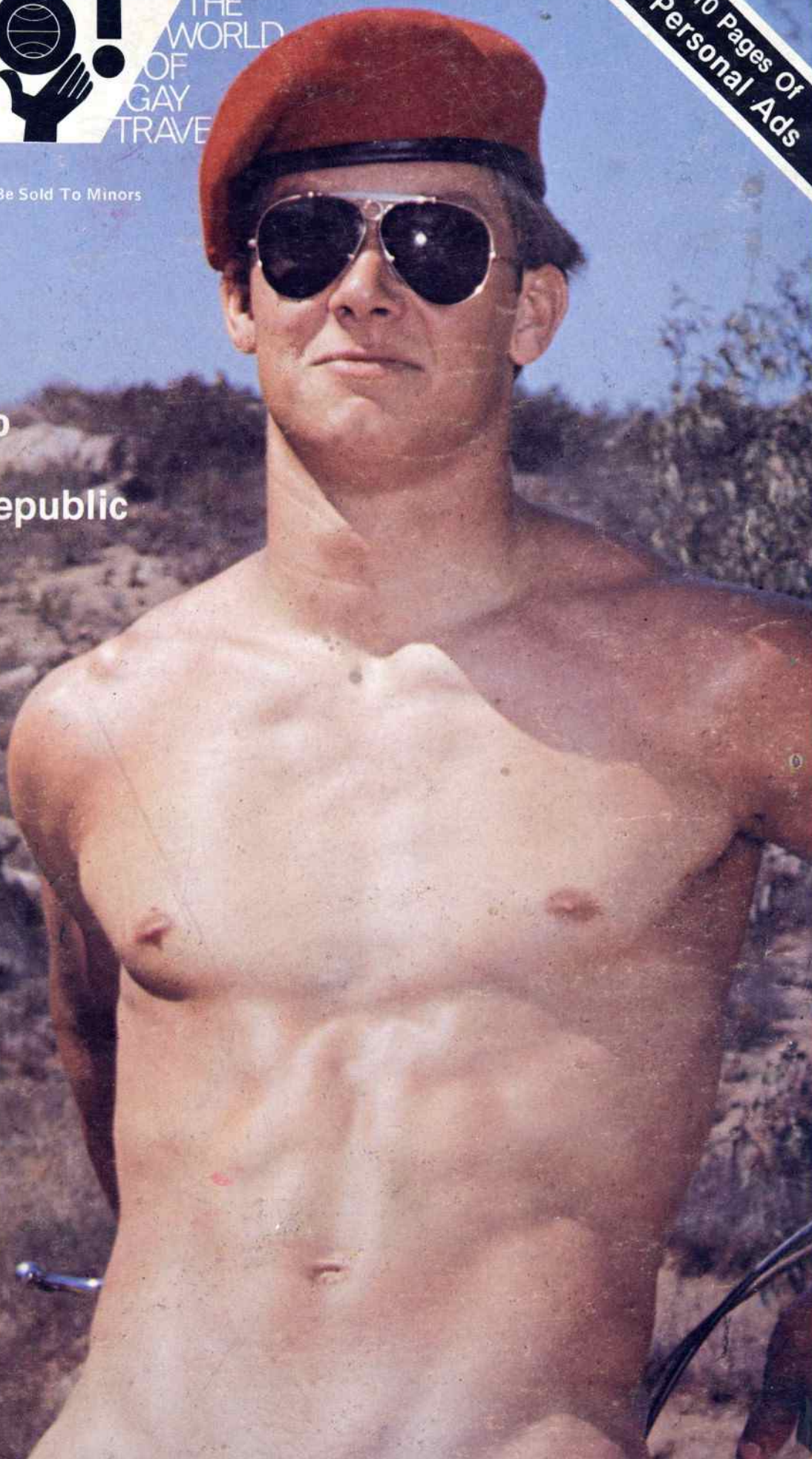
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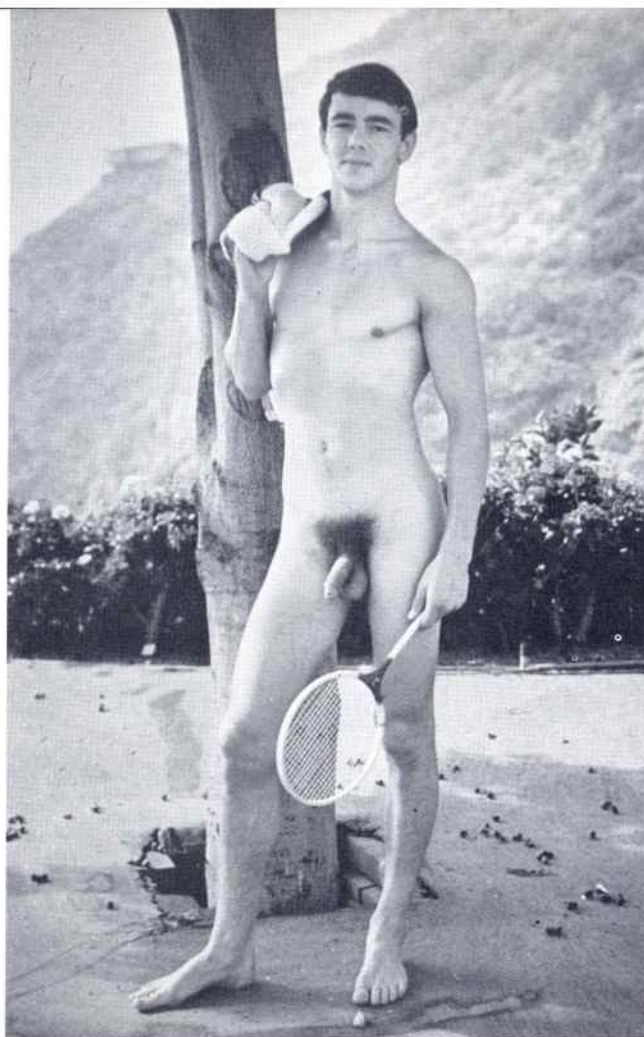
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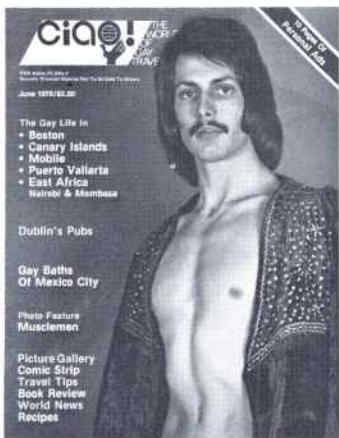


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# The Naked Couth A 1976 Coverup?

By Scott Young

The renowned gay New York interior designer, Michael Greer, who recently was found brutally strangled amid the elegance of his Park Avenue apartment, firmly believed in a tenet of his craft: that it's always more diverting to look **through** something **at** something, than just to look **at** something. He was a master of **trompe l'oeil**, that clever artistic device that does not **really** fool the eye, but only delightfully pretends to.

In the tongue-in-cheekiness or 'sleight-of-handiness' of directing the eye to what lies just **beyond**—whether the object is veiled, or momentarily separated from contact by distance—the ultimate focus seems more important . . . either larger than it is, or more 'sugar plummy' than it may turn out to be at the moment of truth. Disguise, like distance, lends enchantment. The jocked cock, for example.

Because this is a mostly-San Francisco issue of **Ciao!** it may be **à propos** to carry this observation further by quoting a bartender who works in one of San Francisco's gay go-go-boy bars. He says, "These nude dancers all have great bodies, and most are hung like you wouldn't believe, but they just don't turn me on. I guess it's because I'm working around them so much, and see them this way all the time, but there's not much hard-on in that."

## THE YEAR OF THE COVER-UP?

In a way this may have something to do with fashion reports that this summer will see a return to that period of not-quite-nudity of the late 1960s . . . between the time when we still didn't let it **all** hang out on public beaches, and the bare-all of 'skinny dipping' in 1970, followed by the on-campus 'streaker' of 1973.

You may recall that all-nudity got a still greater boost when the Sunday newspaper vacation

supplements flacked it with advertisements for such organizations as **Vacations in the Buff** and **Skinny Dip Tours**. Of course these were mainly for straights/swingles, but the summer visitor to Fire Island—that gay barometer—might have noted that much of its nearly all-gay population was as all-nude on beach and boardwalk during the day as at the meat rack at night.

Although Fire Islanders are hardly likely to surrender their nudity by even a stitch of swimsuit, you may feel the pressure of fashion change elsewhere, particularly at such always **avant garde** public beaches as New York's Riis Park, or New England's P'town (recently there was much ado about the growing gay nudity at Provincetown, and laws agin' it are to be more strictly enforced this year . . . it says), or possibly San Francisco's San Gregorio Beach. You may discover that 1976 is the summer of the cover-up, however mini . . . a coverup that's not a total cover **up**, that is. The Catch 22 of it is a kind of **trompe l'oeil** swimsuit or swim brief made of a special material that really makes it a coverup without covering it up, and men and women will wear variations of it.

Actually, the idea stems from St. Tropez. Made of lycra and nylon—**paper thin**—it will be worn by the male as either a low-cut, strapped tanksuit, or in variations of a short **maillot**, or 'skinny diaper'. The trickiness of this coverup is that the paper-thin lycra/nylon is so sexily see-through it does everything but computerize the pubic hairs. To say that in this form it is a kind of high-class, all-pubes, covers-more-ground condom is not far of the mark! Best of all, those of less than heroic genital endowment who have actually been shy about appearing all-nude on even a gay beach, will feel not only comfortable, but **hoist**. Paper-thin lycra/nylon will make it look larger than life. For sure. After all, after the surprise of size (or lack of it), great technique is of more importance.

## BACK TO PRIMITIVES?

Of course, some men's fash-

ion designers—the hardline straights—are predicting that "Young men are going back to conservative, baggy swimming shorts—boxer type—as well as three-piece blue suits for town wear. You see, it'll be a novelty for them . . . they've never worn them." Don't be all that sure, gentlemen, we're not all **that** couth. And never on Fire Island, nor likely not at any other mostly gay beach. A coverup we'll go along with—to a sexy point—but a total cover **up**? Other designers, such as Bill Blass, say that even bikinis for men are *passé*. "In fact, the whole nude beach syndrome is out. As with any fad it's boring." Well, of course, that's a good pitch to sell one's product. You certainly can't make much money on Mother Nature's nude swimsuit.

The only man who's going to get much attention in 'baggy, boxer swim shorts' is perhaps the guy with the super-build. Here, his muscles are a kind of **trompe l'oeil** . . . they suggest that mind-boggling biceps and indented abdominal muscles and Herculean calves can lead to only greater treasure . . . equally out-size genitals. Anyway, so often with such superstars, anything beyond the super-starriness of super-muscles is likely to be anticlimax anyway—stud or dud.

If you are getting set for summer at the beach—however open it presently may be—be prepared for John Law by taking along one or more of these little coverup creations. Smart department stores and men's fashion shops in larger cities (also see the ads in gay magazines/papers) now stock them in a variety of designs, patterns and colors. For example, Bloomingdale's in New York has them in plastic tubes of three. Generally these are assorted patterns, and one of the certain-to-be favorites is an almost see-through, paper-thin lycra/nylon coverup in simulated denim. It looks like what it's not, yet does more than it otherwise might if it were of any other pattern/material.

Don't get black, unless, of course, you're so enormous down there you've stopped brag-



ging about it and have become embarrassed to be seen with it all hanging out (down) (up). Also, if you're not a biggie in the genital department, don't get plain white. White tends to smooth outlines, and makes what isn't seem less so. The exception to this is the man whose phallus is short and thick. White makes it look thicker still—albeit not longer. On him, white is a really teasing **trompe l'oeil**.

Settle, generally, for the pastels. Pastels intensify contour. But above all, get at least one coverup in the aforementioned simulated denim of paper-thin lycra/nylon. It will make you look very 'country-boyish', and we all know what those country boys are like! Also, avoid irregular patterns (tiger stripes, and the like). They also 'fool the eye', but reversibly so, diverting the focus of vision **from** the goodies underneath, rather than **to** them.

The many variations of the paper-thin lycra/nylon beach wear are the jock-sock, also one inspired by the Japanese sportsman's **fundoshi**, and the mini-boxer short. The virtue of these is in getting them **wet**. When wet, you are simply a walking individual meat rack! Everything is not only outlined, but **underscored**. There is also a short, hip-hugging swim short made of soft doeskin fabric. And when this is wet it acts as a **trompe l'oeil** for the middle third of the body, clinging sexily around the hips/buttocks, and making the genitals really stand out. So when John Law says "Cover up!" you've done so, in a kind of thumb-the-nose way about which he can't complain, and by which you are sexier still!

What has reversed the trend of total nudity to the more-or-less primitivity of covering up on public beaches? Many will say that it is a kind of desperation or self-protection move of the disaffected side. We're inclined to agree.

When the Women's Lib movement got into high gear, take-it-off, take-it-off, take-it-**all**-off became popular, particularly at public beaches. Probably it had

its impetus in the Rudi Gernreich fashions of the early 1970s . . . his frontless dress (remember all those skinny female models with the pushbutton tits?) . . . then the topless bathing suit for gals, and the no-bra bra, and see-through blouse. From that point 'spot the twot' became the name of the game. X-rated films got into it and made nudity almost **de rigueur**—at parties at least.

Then along came Marilyn Chambers in **Beyond The Green Door**, and the advertising industry began to fight back for dear life. Here was a gal who had been big as the young-mother type in the Ivory Soap TV commercials who was revealed as the pornoflic queen of her time. Model agencies got scared. A prospective model would be asked if she had ever posed nude for anyone/anything. If she had . . . **zilch!**

So more as a defensive measure than as a real desire to cover it up, the ladies began putting it back on again. Men, perhaps as a gallant gesture to accommodate them, have been 'restuddying' their 'priorities'. Perhaps in a basic analysis it's more 'monkey see, monkey do'. Anyway, it's up to us gay guys to assert and reassert our masculinity—as nudely as we can, and as often . . . every blessed inch of it!

## San Francisco

By Ralph W. Davis

San Francisco grows, and changes, and in many ways becomes tougher, and sometimes even loses its unique charm. Yet it is never ugly. It is one of the few American cities where people still run to, instead of from, to live. There are times when I think San Franciscans are mad for building so many high-rises over such a major earthquake fault, yet when I look at the city from afar, I feel just the opposite. For San Francisco is a

beautiful city, and it still enchants me as I approach it from the bay.

During my recent visit I heard many stories about gays being attacked and beaten by roving gangs of youths. None of these stories seem doubtful. As the city grows, it also becomes tougher. Some gays are most vulnerable because of the chances they'll take to connect with a stranger. But this, unfortunately, is the lifestyle of some. For them, their experiences will always be the same anywhere in the world. They seem to invite trouble by the places they go, the types of men they bed, and the types of sex they crave. It is especially easy to be careless in San Francisco about such things because the city is so gay. Gays from less-active cities find the large variety of men irresistible; consequently, they forget their caution. If gays are careful, San Francisco would be a pleasure . . . a golden city on the bay. If they aren't, it can be an ugly nightmare which could leave deeply-scarred memories to remind them of their folly for the remainder of their life.

### CASTRO AREA

Castro is a difficult area to define at this time because it is changing. Although I've heard of beatings here from roving gangs, it isn't really a rough area. At the rate it is changing, it may become a very smart area in the next few years. Enroute toward Castro along Market Street, there are a host of bars. All types can be found in this area, from the long-hairs to the Gucci-smart San Franciscans.

**The Mint**, 1942 Market St., attracts a good mixture of types, straights and gays. Food is good and runs from \$3.95 to \$8.95. Hours: 3:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. weekdays; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Live band. Brunch/lunch served.

**Elephant Walk**, 500 Castro (at 18th Street). It has a safari look, and is very charming. Drinks are higher, but the atmosphere makes it all worth it. Good food. Opens at 6 a.m.

**Men's Room**, 3988 18th St.,

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gets the heavy drinkers . . . usually young. Hours: 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Although it is popular, it is just a bar for drinking and looking.

**Corner Grocery Bar**, 4049 18th St., at Hartford. On Sunday there is opera singing. It's a bar that serves kosher-deli food from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. weekdays; from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

**Naked Grape**, 2097 Market St., is a cruisy bar that gets a young crowd. Some leather. Dance floor has mirrors and revolving lights. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. weekdays; from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

**Church Street Station**, 456 Castro at 14th and Church. This is a busy mixed (gays/straights) restaurant open 24 hours. Most popular after the bars close at 2 a.m. **The Hideaway** is the bar that attracts many local gays. It's attached to the restaurant. Across the street from the Church Street Station is the **Club** at 718 14th St. At this writing this bar is mostly straight, but there's talk it will again attract gays soon. If you are in the area, you may want to check it out.

**Burton's**, 2223 Market St. This used to be the Purple Pickle. Now it's the elegant bar of the area (maybe a little *too* elegant), and the crowd is usually older.

**Twin Peaks**, Market and Castro Sts., is a popular bar that gets all types. It's rather Upper-East-Side-New-York smart, and sport shirt and slacks are the most commonly-worn clothes.

**Toad Hall**, 482 Castro St., is a busy and freaky bar which gets nice bodies and handsome faces. Heavy cruising. Young crowd.

**Midnight Sun**, 506 Castro St., is perhaps *the* bar on Castro. It attracts the same heavy drinkers as the Pendulum. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

**Badlands**, 4121 18th St., is also very popular with the young crowd. Hours are from noon to 2 a.m. Luncheon is planned. Restaurant hours will then be from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; from 6:30 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. Dinners are currently priced from \$4.25 to \$8.50. Hours: noon to 2 a.m.;



The Mint



Elephant Walk



Men's Room



Corner Grocery Bar



Naked Grape



Church Street Station



Toad Hall



Midnight Sun



Badlands



Collingwood Playground





Castro Street



Boot Camp



The Ramrod



Folsom Street Prison



Ambush



Fe-Be's



527 Club



Round-Up



Golden Rivet



The Stud

and from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Other bars frequented by gays are: **Mind Shaft**, 2140 Market Street (young crowd); **Hombre**, 2348 Market (older crowd); and **Nothing Special**, 469 Castro (friendly people).

**Cafe San Marcos**, 2367 Market St., is a nice place to eat. Good food at reasonable prices. Charming atmosphere. Worth a visit.

The two main areas for cruising are the **playground at Col-lingwood** off 18th St. (where at night action takes place among the swings of the public school playground), and **Castro Street from 18th to Market** (walking, of course).

### FOLSOM AREA

This is where the leather and western types head. The games are played seriously here, and there are always reports of someone getting hurt. If this is your love, then by all means head here. The Bolt, Boot Camp and Folsom Street Prison are considered the roughest bars here. Folsom Street is two blocks south of Market, and the bars are either on Folsom, or the numbered streets, running perpendicular to Folsom. Some bars are even a little farther south on Harrison and Bryant. The area is generally safe during the day (warehouse and business section of the city); but at night, because of the types the bars attract it can be rough.

**Fe-Be's**, 11th and Folsom Sts. This bar is most popular with older men. Nick still runs A Taste of Leather upstairs, and he is still known to camp it up for the customers. Popular hours are from 9 p.m. to closing (2 a.m.). Hours are from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

**Boot Camp**, 1010 Bryant (two blocks below Folsom) is a very popular bar with the heavy leather. There is a playroom here for friendly getting-to-know-you games. Men are of mixed ages and can be rough.

**527 Club**, 527 Bryant. This is a popular restaurant-bar attracting all types. On weekends and holidays a brunch is served, running from \$2.75 to \$4.95.

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Sunday and Monday the food special is prime ribs for \$6.

**Round-Up**, 298 Sixth St. This is a friendly bar that attracts easy-to-meet older men. Many think it is the most masculine bar in the area. Hours are from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

**Ramrod**, 1225 Folsom St., is a cruise bar showing popular films Sunday through Thursday night free. Hours: 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily; Sunday from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**The Bolt**, 1347 Folsom St. Located on the corner, this cruise bar used to be called the No-Name. Like the Boot Camp, it can be rough.

**End-Up**, Sixth and Harrison Sts., is a disco bar, and like most disco bars, most of its young crowd comes to dance. Few cruise. Hours: 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily; Sunday from 2 p.m.

**Folsom Street Prison**, 1898 Folsom (at 15th). Like the Boot Camp, there is a playroom here where S&M types of mixed ages have their fun. Open from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and can be rough.

**Golden Rivet**, 154 Ninth St., doesn't attract any special types, but instead gets a little of everything. There is a live band, and on Sunday afternoons a spaghetti dinner for \$1. Liquid brunch daily from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Closes at 2 a.m.

**Ambush**, 1351 Harrison St., also gets a variety of types. Beer and wine only. Hours are from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

**The Stud**, 1535 Folsom St., is a groovy bar, popular with young heads. Hours: 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

**The Hungry Hole**, 1190 Folsom (across from The Barracks) is a new bar, currently the big action spot on leather row. The place attracts warm, groovy types. The Hole is spacious, with a long, dark corridor alley in the rear for fun'n games. The Playland Hotel is above The Hole.

**Cissy's Saloon**, 1590 Folsom St., gets a young crowd.

**Le Domino Country Club**, 2742 17th St. (at Florida) is a cabaret-style, French restaurant. The menu prices are from \$5.50 to \$8.50. Hours: 6:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Closed Sunday.

**Hamburger Mary's**, 1582 Folsom St., is the place to head for good hamburgers. During the daytime it is mixed (mostly employees from the warehouses) but after dark it becomes popular with gays who visit before or after drinking. Full bar.

**Harrison House**, 995 Harrison St., is a guest house above End-Up. Popular with the under-35 crowd. Nice clean place to stay. Each room with refrigerator. There is a community kitchen. Weekly rates are from \$18 to \$22; monthly from \$88 to \$102.

There are five baths which can be considered in the Folsom area. They are:

**The Slot**, Folsom and Sixth, has a reputation for attracting the bizarre S&M.

**The Tubs**, 1015 Folsom St. (entrance on Harriet St.). This is the only baths in San Francisco which offers 2-hour in-and-out privileges. A leather night is planned. Charges are \$4 for room and \$2 for locker, Sunday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday prices are \$1 more. There are plans here for a motel.

**Folsom Street Barracks**, 1147 Folsom St. Western and leather types like this baths. The **Red Star Inn**, which is attached to the baths, is an after-hours bar (from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.). Rooms at the baths run \$5 for room; \$2 for locker (Sunday through Thursday). Friday and Saturday \$1 more.

**Club Baths**, 201 Eighth St., is part of the Club chain. Like other Club baths, it is private. Prices are the same as the Tubs.

**Ritch Street Health Club**, 330 Ritch Street. There's lots of cruising and action for the young and beautiful. Anyone else may find it cold and unwelcoming. Same prices as the Tubs and the Club. Tuesday and Thursday, though are buddy nights. Two can enter for \$5 (room) and \$3 (locker).

If you're shopping, be sure and check out the **Folsom Street Emporium**, 960 Folsom St. It's an unusual place—a gay department store that leans towards leather. Lots of fun to browse and shop—or spend some time viewing the peep shows.



The Tubs



Folsom Street Barracks



Rainbow Cattle Company



Fickle Fox



The Trapp





Red Lantern Saloon



Blue & Gold



The Road Runner



Uncle Sam's



Score II

## VALENCIA STREET

Valencia runs on an angle south from Market at about 12th Street. It isn't a very good area and it has a heavy black and Mexican settlement. Some gays, though, still head here. The most popular places in the area are:

**Rainbow Cattle Company**, 199 Valencia. This is where to come if you like country/western music. Sometimes there is a live show, but usually just tapes. Evenings are best from 10 p.m.

**Sutro Baths**, 312 Valencia. This is a private sauna club for men and women (straight and gay). If you want to try something different, this may be the place. Private. Membership, though, is easily available. The membership fee is \$3; rates are \$3 daily. Small, but clean.

**Fickle Fox**, 842 Valencia, is a well-known restaurant serving good home-cooking in a pleasant and informal atmosphere.

**21st Street Baths**, 3244 21st St. This is a very clean baths, although it may be a little out-of-the-way to bother visiting.

## DOWNTOWN

The tenderloin is Turk, Eddy and Ellis, particularly between Polk and Powell Streets. Like most such areas, all types frequent the bars and restaurants. Unless you are able to handle yourself in such areas, avoid them at night. Some downtown bars aren't in this area, but far away enough to be safe. In general, anything on Turk, Eddy and Ellis should be approached with caution.

**Ho's Landmark**, 45 Turk St., gets an older crowd. Some in drag; others just rough. It's open from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

**Trapp**, 72 Eddy St., is popular with rough Blacks. There isn't any dancing or food here.

**Jolly King Restaurant** in the Royal Inn Hotel at 655 Ellis attracts all types for eating, especially after the bars close. It's a decent, 24-hour restaurant.

**Red Lantern Saloon**, 180 Golden Gate. This is where middle-aged men of the area (of mixed types) come. No dancing. No

food (except on holidays). There is an organist who plays Thursday through Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., and it's across the street from the Leavenworth Street Y.

**Blue and Gold**, 136 Turk St. This bar, next to the Club Turkish Baths, gets older types of all varieties. Friday and Saturday nights there is rock-country music. Hours: noon to 2 a.m. daily; from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**The Road Runner**, 499 O'Farrell St. Mixed types in their thirties come here. Hours: noon to 2 a.m. daily; and from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

**Uncle Sam's**, at Ellis and Larkin Sts., is a lively disco club popular with Blacks. Best late at night.

**Score II**, 147 Mason St., where sexy butch guys sell and give it away. Popular with Blacks as well as some drags. Hours: 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Best after 9 p.m.

Other bars in the downtown area include: **Windjammer Saloon**, 645 Geary St., **Club Rendezvous**, 567 Sutter St., **Kokpit**, 301 Turk St. (older crowd) and **Gangway**, 841 Larkin (older crowd).

The baths in the area is the **Club Turkish Baths**, 132 Turk St. Although this baths has been here for years, it is losing its popularity. All types visit. Many are those who frequent the bars in the area. Generally the entry fee is \$5 weekdays; \$6 weekends.

The two spots for outside cruising are **Market Street from Seventh to Powell** (after dark, especially, and usually rough), and **Union Square** (best at night). Both places attract hustlers.

## POLK STREET

'Polkstrasse', as most gays call it, is changing fast. Some think it's becoming too elegant. Perhaps it is. Nevertheless, it is still the place for gay cruising, dining and drinking.

**Gallagher's Gold Room**, 939 Geary St., is a small neighborhood bar that gets an older crowd. Many waiters from near-

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by Union Hall come here. No food or dancing.

**N'Touch**, 1548 Polk St., is a disco bar that always seems busy. No food. Hours: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

**Totie's**, 743 Larkin St., is an ordinary bar that doesn't serve food or allow dancing. Hours are from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

**House of Harmony**, 1312 Polk St., attracts varied types. No food, no dancing. Open from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

**P.S.**, 1121 Polk St., is a popular, elegantly handsome bar/restaurant. Dinners from \$3.95 to \$8.95. Lunches from \$1.50 to \$3.25; brunch—\$1.50 to \$5. Evenings are best, after 8 p.m. Casual dress, though coat and tie isn't unusual.

**New Bell Saloon**, 1203 Polk St. This bar gets some nice older people. Dancing. David Kelsey plays organ and piano. Hours from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. No food, but an occasional buffet.

**Buzzby's**, 1436 Polk St. This is perhaps the disco bar in the area. Many young, groovy types (straight and gay, men and women).

**Polk Gulch Saloon**, Polk and Post Sts. This is a seedy Polk St. bar (at least, seedy for Polk St.). Open from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m., and it's always busy.

**Cloud Seven**, 2360 Polk St., is a nice dance bar with a young, friendly crowd. It gets really busy after 8 p.m.

**Yacht Club**, 2155 Polk St., is a small bar-restaurant serving good food. Comfortable, pleasant, with a big dinner business. Prices: \$3.95 to \$8.95.

**Miz Brown's**, 1356 Polk St., and **Bob's Coffee Shop**, 1601 Polk St., get many gays who stop in for hamburgers. Food is good, though nothing special.

**Wild Goose**, 1488 Pine St., is the western bar in the area. An auction of western types is held weekly.

**Grubstake**, 1525 Pine St., is a charming diner-type restaurant. Popular with everyone in the area. Open 24 hours.

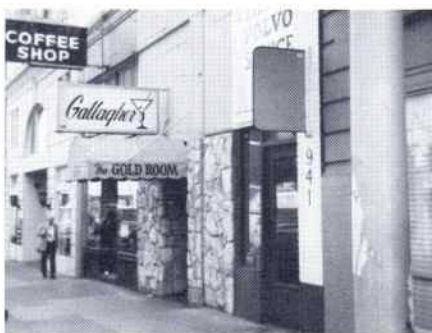
**Accident**, 990 Post St., may change its name. But the bar will still keep its doors open to gays. Presently it attracts the western crowd in their late twenties to



Windjammer Saloon



Polk Street



Gallagher's Gold Room



N'Touch



Totie's



Buzzby's



Yacht Club



Wild Goose



Grubstake



The Accident





Cinch



Le Salon



Laurel Theatre



The City



Brighton Express

mid-thirties.

**Cinch**, 1723 Polk St., is another country-western bar. The music is good and the bar is long. Worth a visit if you like your men in levis.

**Le Salon**, 1118 Polk St., is a good place to visit for quiet cruising and your latest copies of **QQ**, **Ciao!** or **Body** magazines. All types of toys, books and magazines are sold here. Best shop of its kind in town.

**Laurel Theatre**, 2111 Polk St., is where to head if you want to see gay movies. Admission is \$5 and movies start at 11 a.m. Before 1 p.m. on Monday thru Friday, admission is only \$3. Other movie houses include **Nob Hill**, 729 Bush St., and the **Tom Kat**, 181 Ellis.

The local baths is **Jack's** at 1143 Post St. This baths has always been especially popular with older men, though some younger guys come.

#### HERE AND THERE

**Baj**, 131 Bay St., serves excellent food. It's in the Fisherman's Wharf area. Food runs from \$4.25 to \$11. Hours: 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. for dinner. Bar opens at 5 p.m. and closes at 11 a.m.

**Jackson's**, 2237 Powell St., is also in the Wharf area. Although the food isn't especially good (depending on the chef's mood), it is popular and a nice place to visit. Entertainment is planned. Hours: 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily; Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Dinner hours are from 6 to 11 p.m.

**The City**, 936 Montgomery St., is the city's big, brassy restaurant-night club. Top acts are scheduled here. There is an upstairs disco with loud sound. Most people stop in for the show or dancing, consequently there is little real cruising. There is a \$2 cover for the show. Bar opens at 7 p.m. and dinner is served from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. from \$4.50 to \$8.50. Shows nightly at 9:45 and 11:45. Reservations suggested.

**Brighton Express** (across from the Little Fox Theatre) is at 580 Pacific in the Broadway night club area. This is a small and mixed restaurant serving good food in a pleasant atmosphere.

Call for hours. They vary.

**Savoy Tivoli**, 1438 Grant St., is a popular North Beach restaurant/bar with good food.

**Dave's Baths**, 100 Broadway, is a huge warehouse of fun and games. It's nicely maintained and has a Neli-Deli for food. Entry fees for the baths are \$3.25 to \$5.20, depending on time and day. It usually gets the Montgomery Street businessmen and other nice types.

Some old favorites are the **YMCA** (Embarcadero Branch); **Transbay Transit Terminal john** (Mission and Fremont); also the **Jackson Street john** (by the beach in front of Ghirardelli Square); **Golden Gate Park** (in the hills to the left of Arguello Blvd. at the Fulton Street entrance); and **Land's End** (in the wooded area near the Cliff House restaurant).

Of course, this is only a list of the principal places in San Francisco. There are lots more, and always there are newer and more exciting ones opening up. Is it any wonder why so many gays fall in love with that golden city on the bay?

If your scene is leather, San Francisco is for you. For an in-depth look at the S&M scene in S.F. see the October 1976 **QQ Magazine**—and let A. Jay, the creator of "Harry Chess," take you on a tour of Folsom Street. Out in August wherever you buy this magazine!

## The Night Ferry A Dash Of London Elegance

By Jon Lorrimer

Seasoned travelers abroad have long since learned that any European vacation remains all the more pleasant in the memory if it has been punctuated with little exclamation points of creature comforts here and there that give the trip little 'lifts' and make it less 'everybody-does-it' touristy, and more special than otherwise it might have been.

London, particularly, is full of

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such little exclamation points, not the least of which is 'the coach that turns into a pumpkin and back again' . . . a surely not-too-inaccurate description of The Night Ferry. Actually, The Night Ferry begins its trip on the dot of 9 p.m. at Victoria Station, as a comfortable, elegant train. Then, at the stroke of midnight, it turns into a ferry at Dover and glides across the English Channel. After you've been tucked in, and sleeping like a lamb most of the night, presto-changeo, you awake bright and early next morning to the heavenly aroma of coffee and hot, buttered croissants, and later find yourself in the heart of the Paris Montmartre district, again in this Cinderella conveyance that is once more recognizable as 'train'.

If it has been your thought, or custom, to begin your European trip with London as your first stop, and then on to Paris by plane, why not, for once, try it the lazy man's way? Not only is The Night Ferry an exciting travel experience, and a lot more fun than a prosaic BEA plane—however 'speeding-bullet' it may be—but you will have a chance to meet some very interesting people on the way and have time enough to get to know them better.

It's also much less expensive. Just a few months ago, a first-class, one-way ticket on The Night Ferry cost \$62.20 American. But with the devaluation of the pound to about \$1.80 from \$2.40, in terms of actual money-over-the-counter your ticket will now run about \$53. Consider also that you can take along as much luggage as you like, for free, while the excess on a plane will wallop your wallet. Figure plane ticket and excess luggage at \$90 at least, and that's quite a saving of 'fun' cash.

### THE CINDERELLA COACH

It's surprising that so few vacationing Americans have discovered the delights of The Night Ferry, inasmuch as it has never missed a run except, of course, when it didn't run at all during the World War II years. Now, Christmas Eve is its only

'night off'. In summer the 9 p.m. departure time is shifted to 10.

The Night Ferry—that being the quaintly precise English way of naming this amazing conveyance—is the combined enterprise of British Rail and French National Railroads. Thus it may come as a surprise to be escorted to your sleeping car with a pleasant "**Bon soir!**" by your French conductor, while later being served in the dining car by your English waiter who greets you with an equally pleasant "Evening, sir!"

The dining car is far from stiffly formal . . . really it's more like a private club. Few people dress to the hilt. It has a sort of casual 'let your hair down' ambience, for among the London businessmen who will be dealing with their Paris opposites next day you'll meet lots of humpy young Englishmen/Scotsmen on holiday, who, tomorrow, will be hitchhiking, rucksacking, lunch-boxing it across the continent. Obviously the make-out chances are good in this convivial 'with it' dining car.

The menu will delight you, having the best of both French and English cuisines, with—for example—the choicest of Beef Wellington alongside an equally noble **escalopes de veau au Madère**. The wine list is first-rate, too. Dining is leisurely. No hurry. Because The Night Ferry makes no stops along the way, you are just 'there' for the duration. Since no one will be getting off or on, there is no pressure to 'get on with it'. Also, the dining service is comparable to that of the finest restaurants/dining rooms in Paris and London.

### YOUR TRAIN HAS A SEX CHANGE

It's at Dover, in southeast England, that your train undergoes a 'sex change' . . . it becomes a ferry, if you'll excuse the expression. The entire ten sleeping cars slide off the rails of the English roadbed onto the rails of the huge ferryboat. Then the cars are chained to the deck and stanchioned securely underneath to prevent them from becoming dislodged during a

possible storm.

Once on the other side, at Dunkerque, the cars slide off and onto the French railroad bed. In a jiffy the signal is given, and off you speed toward Paris, by now asleep, or in the middle of a happy encounter, and otherwise oblivious to the world outside.

There is a simple little ceremony as you prepare to leave on The Night Ferry. Immigration and Customs officials are at Victoria Station to politely question you about "How much sterling are you taking out of the country?" and to examine your passport. This takes only seconds. Once aboard The Night Ferry, you surrender your passport to the train conductor who will show it, in your behalf, to the French authorities at Dunkerque, thus no need to awaken you for such mundane formalities. It will be returned to you promptly, once you've awakened and go into the dining car for a piping-hot French breakfast.

You'll have about a two- to three-hour ride through the lovely French countryside, the train going through Picardy and Oise, and the battlefields of World War I. Then, almost before you know it, the towers and spires of Paris spring up before your eyes. Unlike a trip by plane, which will take you quite some distance outside of Paris, and then you have all the getting-it-altogether to hack your way into the city, The Night Ferry lets you off right in the heart of the City of Light. You spend little time getting to your hotel, and then, if you've brought along your copy of "Private Stock," you can be off merrily cruising the gay places of this exciting city without losing a precious moment.

Going to Paris from London via The Night Ferry is one of the pleasanter travel experiences, and one that will come to your mind again and again.

Try it . . . you'll **really** like it!

If you're doing California this summer, see the current August 1976 QQ Magazine for the latest scoop on Gay San Diego—sold wherever you buy this magazine!



# Amsterdam '76

By David Parker

Gay libbers readily condemn the "gay ghetto"—any area of any city which for one of numerous reasons has become heavily populated by homosexuals. It is in fact a condemnation of straight society for having forced gay people to isolate themselves in certain areas—usually by denying them housing in other sections of the city. In time, cause and effect become muddled and homosexuals live in gay ghettos by choice—simply because everyday life is so much easier when you are among your own kind. For one thing—cruising is less complicated when all you have to do is go downstairs and take your pick from the passing parade.

The gay ghetto is one of the reasons Amsterdam has become the unofficial Gay Capital of Europe. The city center is small to begin with, and is so greatly populated by gay people—residents and tourists alike—that it might even be considered a gay center of sorts in its entirety. But there is an even greater concentration—a focal point whose heart is but a single street. Gay life thrives in **Leidsestraat** and every cross street as well. Bars are side by side and there are more gay hotels in this area than any place else in the world. The streets and adjacent square are cruised night and day. Adjoining the ghetto is a park which has an active meatrack. It's all so convenient for the tourist who wants to come and enjoy without running all over town for amusement.

Amsterdam center—which encompasses the gay ghetto—is built on concentric canals which give it an orderliness. The gay section generally lies between the innermost canal called **Singel** and the outer ring of water called **Singelgracht**. These concentric canals are all semi-circles whose ends meet the harbor—and it is within the boundaries of Singelgracht that you will spend most of your time. You will venture out if you are staying at a hotel away from the center and also for sight-

seeing.

**Leidsestraat** begins at a square called **Leidseplein** and runs in the direction of the most congested part of town—the area in the vicinity of Amsterdam's main square—**Dam**.

Still another reason why Amsterdam has become a favorite of gays everywhere is that the Dutch are extremely tolerant; homosexuality is an accepted lifestyle throughout the Netherlands. The age of consent is 16—and while Amsterdamers tend to be somewhat reserved concerning public display of affection they are otherwise among the most liberal thinkers in the world.

The city itself is quite beautiful and a favorite of all travelers. It is wonderfully Old World and modern at the same time. There are new facades on narrow cobblestoned streets—alongside old narrow houses with steep gables which lean forward almost as if ready to topple. The canals are lined with shade trees and crossed by small bridges with high humps. Barges slowly make their way along the waterways and bicycles outnumber the cars.

Look at the drain pipes. No ordinary drainage tubes these; they are decorated with fanciful statuary. Look at the windows. White lace curtains everywhere—and no shades. See the cranes on the tops of the old buildings. They're used to hoist furniture in and out of the windows because the staircases are too narrow and steep for ordinary moving. Amsterdam is to everyone "typically" European; that which we believe all of Europe is but which so often is not.

To simplify matters all the gay listings in this article are within the confines of the gay ghetto or a short walking distance from its heart which lies along **Leidsestraat**. Those places lying outside the area bordered by **Singelgracht** are noted.

## HOTELS

Amsterdam's most luxurious hotel is the **Amsterdam Hilton**. It is situated on the **Apollolaan**—a long walk or short taxi ride from **Leidseplein**. Rates start at \$25 for a single. Provided you are not obvious about it there is no

problem getting guests in and out.

Also in the deluxe category is the **Okura**, **Jozef Israelskade 46**. It's even farther away from **Leidseplein**. This is an Intercontinental hotel and similar to the Hilton.

The new **Marriott** on **Stadhouderskade**—a main thoroughfare bordering the far side of **Singelgracht**—overlooks **Leidseplein** and is especially popular with gay guys who want to be near the action but prefer staying at a full-service hotel rather than settling in at one of the modest gay hotels.

Two hotels in the \$15 category are the **Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky**, overlooking **Dam Square**, and the **Carlton**, **Vijzelstraat 2015**, not far from the **Krasnapolsky**. The **Krasnapolsky** is very much Old World and somewhat stuffy; the **Carlton** is reasonably modern and liked by gays who want something more than a simple room in one of the smaller gay establishments.

Those hotels which are strictly gay and are in the gay ghetto or very nearby follow. Rates average \$10 for a single. Some rooms have tubs and toilets but most do not (community johns in the hallway can be quite cruisy). Being gay—hall cruising is part of the scene and entertaining guests is expected. You are advised to make reservations well in advance because space is limited—particularly in summer.

**Aero Hotel**, **Kerkstraat 49** (phone 22 77 28). There's a gay bar downstairs.

**Albany Hotel**, **Pieter de Hoochstraat 86** (phone 79 72 02).

**Argos Hotel**, **Warmoesstrat 20** (phone 24 09 29). You should be into hard leather if you stay here.

**Hotel Athletic**, **Nieuwendijk 100** (phone 23 41 44). Situated on one of Amsterdam's pedestrian shopping streets not too far from **Singel**. A "mostly gay" baths is located here.

**Hotel Come Back**, **Singel 458** (phone 6 75 19). Convenient because it is next to the famous **D.O.K. Club**.

**International Travel Club I**, **Frederiksplein 22** (phone 22 27

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37), is a short distance from the action. Nearer is the **International Travel Club II**, Prinsengracht 1051 (phone 230 230). Toilet and shower in every room. Also, a restaurant (see below). And there's entertainment on Saturdays at 11 p.m.—gay porn flicks and usually a live show with one or two nude guys. On Sunday nights the show starts at 10 p.m. but there are films only.

**Hotel New York**, Herengracht 19 (phone 24 30 66). Near Central Station and harbor.

**Hotel Orfeo**, Leidsekruisstraat 14 (phone 23 13 47). Near Leidseplein.

**Hotel Prinsen**, Vondelstraat 38 (phone 16 61 12). Near Leidseplein.

**Queen's Head**, Beulingstraat 19 (phone 24 16 03). A pub and restaurant on the premises (see sections below).

**Hotel Tabu**, Marnixstraat 386 (phone 22 75 11). Right off Leidseplein.

**Hotel Unique**, Kerkstraat 37 (phone 24 47 85). Midway between the C.O.C. and D.O.K. clubs.

**Hotel West End**, Kerkstraat 42 (phone 24 80 74). There's a gay bar on the ground floor.

## BARS

Most bars open at 10 p.m. but don't get going until much later. Many close at 5 a.m. The "clubs" require identification, so take your passport.

**Aero Bar**, Kerkstraat 49. The building houses a hotel (see above) and a restaurant (see below).

**Amstel Taveerne**, Amstel 54. Gays and sophisticates mingle in pleasant surroundings. It's very popular.

**Argos**, Heintjeshoeksteeg 15. Not the most popular leather bar in town.

**Cave FF**, Prinsengracht 472. Snacks are served. Young crowd and some straight. Dancing.

**Club Lord**, Kerkstraat 51. It's sometimes campy.

**C.O.C. Club** (Club de Schakel), Korte Leidsedwardsstraat 49. There is a small membership fee; be sure and take your passport. Dancing and popular.

**Cosmo Bar**, Kerkstraat 42. July/August 1976



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Typical Canalside Houses



Amsterdam Hilton



Leidsestraat



Aero Hotel



Hotel Come Back



Hotel Orfeo



Hotel Unique



Hotel West End/Cosmo Bar



C.O.C. Club





D.O.K. Club



Incognito



Jamaica Inn



L.L. Bar



Mac Donald Bar

Very comfortable. It's in the Hotel West End (see above).

**De Goede Kant**, Amstel 106. Go only on Sunday nights if you're into leather. It's mostly straight all other times.

**De Krokodil**, Amstelstraat 34. Hustlers.

**D.O.K. Club**, Singel 460. The most popular bar in Amsterdam. It overlooks a canal and is next to the Hotel Come Back (see above). Very large. Dancing. There's a small membership fee. Take your passport the first time you go.

**Favourite Tavern**, Korte Reguliersdwarstraat 10. Mixed but popular.

**Homolulu**, Kerkstraat 23. Take I.D. for membership. There's dancing and snacks . . . and too many lesbians.

**Incognito Bar**, Kerkstraat 59. Popular.

**Jamaica Inn**, Voetboogstraat 4. Open weekdays 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. and on weekends until 3 a.m. Sundays from 3 p.m. The unofficial center for hustlers.

**L.L. Bar**, Elandsgracht 29. The only established leather bar in town. It's next to the L.J. pension.

**Queen's Head**, Beulingstraat 19. This one opens at noon and closes at 1 a.m. Also rooms (see above) and food (see below).

**Mac Donald Bar**, Reguliersdwarstraat 11. Young crowd.

**Madame Arthur**, Korte Leidsdwarstraat 45. Straights come to see the gay show.

**Sodom & Gomorrah**, Bergstraat 9. New and quite popular with leather guys.

**Taverne De Pul**, Kerkstraat 45. Open in the daytime too.

**Tiki Club**, Kerkstraat 346. Friendly. Food too.

**Viking**, Reguliersdwarstraat 17. New and popular. Dancing and snacks. Young crowd.

**Wolf's Inn**, Singel 449. It's a restaurant too.

## RESTAURANTS

First, the gay—or "mostly gay" restaurants.

**Aero Night Restaurant**, Kerkstraat 49. It's on the second floor (hotel and bar in same building; see above). Good food in pleasant surroundings, and it's casual.

**Coffee Shop Downtown**, Regu-

liersdwarstraat 31. A very charming corner restaurant for casual dining. Great for a late breakfast or early dinner. Very gay. It closes at 10 p.m.

**Honed's Bakhuis**, Kerkstraat 39. Not a gay establishment but you wouldn't know it from the looks of the clientele. Strictly casual and as good a place as any for a simple meal. Closes at 9 p.m. sharp.

**I.T.C. Kelder**, Prinsengracht 1051. Go for dinner. Hotel (see International Travel Club II, above) and entertainment on the premises.

**Queen's Head**, Beulingstraat 19. Gay dining. Also a bar and hotel (see sections above).

**Wolf's Inn**, Singel 449. A small but pleasant restaurant and bar (see above).

The following restaurants are internationally famous for their fine food. They are not at all gay but sooner or later everybody in town dines at one of these outstanding establishments. Jackets required unless otherwise noted.

**The Bali**, Leidsestraat 95, and **the Indonesia**, Singel 550, specialize in Indonesian cuisine. Both are world-famous. Moderately expensive.

**De Boerderij**, Korte Leidsdwarstraat 69, occupies a converted farmhouse. Very atmospheric and the food is excellent. Moderately expensive.

**De Oesterbar**, Leidseplein 10. A great place for lunch if you like fish. Open until midnight. A few doors from the C.O.C. Club.

**Die Port van Cleve**, Nieuwe Zijds Voorburgwal 178. Famous for pea soup in winter and thick steaks all year round. They've sold so many steaks that they are numbered. Very good. Reasonable.

## BATHS

**Sauna Bath Athletic**, Nieuwendijk 100. This baths is in the same building as the Hotel Athletic (see above) and is mostly gay. It is open Monday thru Friday 12 noon to 10:30 p.m. Then it closes for an hour and a half and reopens at midnight and closes again at 8 a.m. On Saturday and Sunday it opens at noon and closes at 6 p.m.

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**Sauna Moderne**, Jacob van Lennepstraat 303, has a good age spread. Open 10 a.m. to 8 a.m.

**Thermos Sauna I**, Egelantiersstraat 246. This is Amsterdam's "original" gay sauna. It is open every night except Sunday from midnight until 9 a.m.

**Thermos Sauna II**, Raamstraat 33. This is by far the best gay baths in town and features the "works." Open Monday thru Friday 12 noon to 11 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday the hours are 12 noon to 6 p.m.

## OUTSIDE CRUISING

Streets and squares in the vicinity of the bars are heavily cruised.

Amsterdam is not the greatest place in the world for john cruisers . . . but, then, there's so much else to do. There are public toilets everywhere and almost always—because the city is so gay—you can make contact with the guy next to you. But leave for his place or yours. The johns in Rembrandtsplein and under the Mint Tower used to be great—but no more. Here and there are sidewalk cubicles just big enough for one to take a leak. Perhaps standing around might get you something to take home. Naturally, the cubicles in the gay ghetto afford the best possibilities; check the one at Prinsengracht and Leidsestraat.

A short distance from Leidseplein, if you walk along Stadhouderskade, there is an entrance to **Vondelpark**. This particular entrance leads to a narrow bushy area that comes alive at night. There is also cruising in Vondelpark proper—in and around the lakes—but the strip off Stadhouderskade is where it's happening. I suggest a stroll through during the day to familiarize yourself with the layout and its various exits. In recent years cruising has become a little difficult because of all the straight hippies in town who camp out in sleeping bags. Give it a go anyway.

**Zandvoort Beach** is about a half hour away by train from Central Station. When you arrive walk to the left (facing the water) to the last pavilion on the beach—

called Zee Zicht; from the time you leave the train to the time you get there will take about a half hour. There are changing rooms here and you can also rent beach chairs. Now continue walking left through the dunes for about a half hour more. You'll come to a nude sunbathing area and lots of gay action. (If there is a wait at the train station in Zandvoort when you return, note that there are two bars in town to help you pass the time. They are the **Adonis**, Tjerk Hiddestraat 20, and the **Bang Bang**, Stationsstraat 17.)

## "HOUSES WITH BOYS"

When we featured Amsterdam in **Ciao!** back in 1974 there was only one "House with Boys" in town. Now there are several—the best two being:

**Club 2000**, Pieter Calandlaan 243 (phone 19 56 29). No "take out" service . . . but dig right in on the premises. Call first for information and in order to introduce yourself before showing up.

**Helios**, in Tilburg. Write to P.O. Box 789, Tilburg, Holland, or phone (013) 43 39 66 well in advance. The outfit has more than 300 boys available throughout Holland—and many live in Amsterdam. They are available for quickies at your hotel or for use as short-term or long-term "guides" during your travels throughout Europe. State your needs, etc., and settle on costs beforehand. Most of the boys speak English and are 16 thru 25 years of age.

## OTHER DIVERSIONS

If you're in the vicinity of Rembrandtsplein, check out the balcony in the **Cinema Rembrandtsplein** (right on the square). It's a straight movie house but the action in the rear of the dark balcony can get heavy.

Walk the streets called **Oude Zijds Achterburgwal** and **Oude Zijds Voorburgwal**. Lots of straight sex shops as well as movies and shows. On these main thoroughfares (which flank ca-



Taverne De Pul



Coffee Shop Downtown



Honed's Bakhuis



Sauna Bath Athletic



Thermos II Sauna





Cubicle at Prinsengracht & Leidsestraat



Meatrack in Vondelpark



Oude Zijds Voorburgwal



American Book Store



Sightseeing in Amsterdam

nals) and in the many side streets you'll see female prostitutes on display in shop windows. This is how they sell themselves; if the customer sees what he likes (and if you look interested and stare hard enough they'll even raise their skirts for a peek at cunt—right in the window!) he simply walks in and does it in the back. Wide open and fascinating—and the area is packed with young guys who are hot and horny—and surprisingly bisexual if you have the right words. The area is very near Dam Square.

The **American Book Store**, Kalverstraat 158, is a big place where a handful of "mild" gay publications are available.

### GENERAL SIGHTSEEING

Amsterdam will keep your gay itinerary filled—but you should take the time to do a little general sightseeing. I particularly recommend the following.

A sightseeing tour in a glass-roofed canal boat. Several companies run them from piers in front of Central Station, and alongside the Damrak, along the Rokin and the Stadhouderskade (near the Rijksmuseum). The ride lasts a little over an hour and you'll see plenty. The guides are helpful and informative.

A visit to **Rijksmuseum**—mainly to see Rembrandt's huge painting, "Night Watch."

A visit to **A. van Moppes & Zoon**, a diamond-cutting factory.

A visit to **Anne Frank's house** at Prinsengracht 263. This is where she and her family took refuge from the Nazis during World War II. You enter their garret apartment by way of a secret passageway. Mementos made famous by her diary are everywhere. It's a moving experience.

A visit to **Alkmaar**—the Friday-morning cheese market (between May and October). Very colorful. Not far from Amsterdam; check any hotel desk for details.

If you happen to visit in spring be sure and take a **tulip tour**. The fields are ablaze with color. American Express has convenient tours. Ditto for visits to **The Hague** and **Rotterdam**.

### USEFUL INFORMATION

Finally—in case you need legal help for whatever unforeseen reason, then go to the C.O.C. Club. These are the people responsible for much of the sexual freedom gay Hollanders enjoy. They are political—and the club is a social center.

If you look down and discover you have a chancre—you can be treated for VD free at Binnen-gasthuis Hospital, Dept. of Skin Diseases, Grimborgwal 10 (phone 6 22 23, ext. 166). Take your passport for proper identification. Treatment is confidential.

And on that unpleasant thought—we wish you a most pleasant holiday in this beautiful City of Canals!

## La República Dominicana Santo Domingo

By David Bartel

After more than 30 years of dictatorship the Dominican Republic is finally pulling itself together and trying to get back into the mainstream of Caribbean development—with an eye to tourism. New hotels and beach resorts are springing up everywhere and this fall and winter you will see the travel section of your Sunday newspaper crammed with ads to lure you and your vacation dollars.

The attitude towards tourists, and particularly Americans, is excellent. There is somewhat of a language barrier, however, and your inability to say the right words in Spanish at certain times—as when dealing with a hustler—could lead to misunderstandings and a punch in the mouth because these boys have a low boiling point. Keep this in mind and you won't have trouble—and remember that a smile goes a long way.

The Dominican Republic occupies two-thirds of the island of

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Hispaniola (Haiti is the other third). There's a lot of American industry in the Republic, thanks to its great climate, available labor, and because never in its history has land and property owned by foreigners ever been confiscated or nationalized.

The Dominican Tourist Information Center, Inc., 485 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022 (Tel. 212 826-0750) will be happy to send you descriptive brochures for a vacation in or near Santo Domingo. These provide updated information on the many new resorts outside the capital. In all probability you will want to spend a lot of time in Santo Domingo, where sex is readily available. Hotels in the city, however, do not have beaches, so make certain your hotel has a pool before booking if a resort atmosphere is important to you. Choose among the better hotels if you like your comforts (rates are half as much as those in Puerto Rico for comparable accommodations). If you prefer a smaller place we suggest you look into the **Hotel Colón**, Emiliano Tejera 17. It is situated in the colonial section of town.

As you venture out on a trip away from Santo Domingo (rent a car if you intend to do a lot of driving or plan on taking daily trips to the beach) two things will impress you about the main roads: (1) They are all but deserted. (2) They are beautifully situated along the sea and look as if they've been stored in mothballs all these years, in anticipation of the onslaught of tourists. Several distant resorts are on the main highway on the sea. On the way, about 25 miles from town (\$10 by taxi), is a modest hotel-by-the-sea called **Hamaca** (also known as **Boca Chica**), on Boca Chica beach. It is rundown and seems to attract Europeans on a budget. It is here that you will come if you want a change-room for the beach, and drinks and lunch (\$1 to use the change-room, though the ticket reads 35-cents; surprisingly, the food is excellent and not that expensive). There are no lockers. The cubicles are falling apart and have doors that are almost off. There are urinals

and open cold-water pipes for "showering." But the room is adequate and assures privacy for changing—and action . . . if you use it for the boys you meet on the beach.



Outside the change-room at the Boca Chica Hotel. Note the statue in the distance . . . it is discussed in the article.

Outside the change-room is a small sandy area where you may spend the day if you wish (rent deck chairs from the waiter—and have lunch here if you wish). To your left are more chairs for the guests, and a peculiar statue, about 25-feet high, of a gay-looking naked beauty who'd feel at home at Fire Island. To your right, a curving stretch of beach.



The public section of Boca Chica beach, seen from outside the change-room at the Hamaca Hotel. Note the motorized rowboat—and its teenage captain in the distance. The boys and their boats are for rent.

As soon as you arrive, like sharks heading for the prey, the boys and men who operate small motorized rowboats will come in with offers to take you out to the reef or over to one of several nearby tiny, deserted islands. If you want just that, the price is \$2 to \$5. If you end up doing more, think in terms of \$10 to \$25. These boys command high fees, but if you like size you won't feel cheated. Most of these fellows,

who come from poor homes, have more African than Spanish blood in their veins—and there's never a shortage in the meat department. If you avoid the boats, others on the beach will stop by from time to time with friendly conversation—and hope that you will invite them for a walk or perhaps some action in the change-room (give him money to buy a pass first, to avoid the manager coming in after you to ask for his ticket). You might even like him enough to invite him back to Santo Domingo for dinner or whatever.



A stretch of Boca Chica beach . . . you never know what a walk will turn up!

If you prefer the beach and this kind of gay activity, and don't mind somewhat primitive accommodations, you might be perfectly happy if you stay at the Hamaca—taking only occasional taxi trips into Santo Domingo. But do remember that evenings are quiet here—unless you provide your own entertainment in bed. This is generally true of all beach resorts in the Republic—except that they are farther away from town and less accessible to day-tripping "beach boys" who come in for action—so you will have to be content with an unchanging small group of locals who work the beach.

If you do opt for a distant beach resort, study the photographs in the brochures provided by the Information Center or your travel agent—noting fences, etc. Police power in the Dominican Republic is great—at times almost giving the impression that it is a police state . . . they are everywhere. Security is especially tight in some places. For example, 30 miles or so farther down the same road that the Hamaca is on is the **Villa del**



**Mar**, a small "resort hotel" on Juan Dolio beach. Its grounds are fenced-in—so your chances of meeting locals are almost nil. (I personally do not recommend the place because of this, and also because its careless porters allow the public toilets to remain drenched with urine . . . sloppiness that is typical of the place in general . . . in spite of its good reputation.)

Wherever you go in Santo Domingo you will find boys, men, boys, men, boys, men and more boys and men—and they come on strong. Stop in almost any bar and go to the john—and someone will come in behind you and whip out a big hog. I repeat—expect to pay if you like it. And since you must pay, then why not take your pick from a lineup? It's practically that when the gay crowd gathers at a gay bar called **Nicolas**, Felix E. Mejia 241, every night. It's in a poor section, so go in by cab—and if telling the driver where you are going embarrasses you, do what our friend Keith does when he's in town . . . he has the driver take him to a female brothel called **Herminia's**—which is right next door and which always evokes approving smiles from the taxi drivers. You'll find just what you're looking for at Nicola's. Make certain that the terms are clear before you leave—place, price, etc. It will avoid misunderstandings. And avoid telling your new friend(s) where you are staying if you do not intend to see them again. They will show up at the worst times—sometimes demanding your time and money.

There is another bar in Santo Domingo that is frequented by gay locals—and they are all available for a price. It is difficult to find, and practically no one speaks English, so ask someone you meet at Nicolas to show you the place if you are interested. You won't have much competition as far as other tourists are concerned.

There are a lot of things to see in Santo Domingo—particularly if you have an eye for historical sites. Natural wonders around the island include beautiful

caves—like those across the Ozama River near the colonial section of town, called **Los Tres Ojos** (The Three Eyes). Get around by cab. If you drive, make certain you plot your map before charting out.

The food is good-to-great everywhere. **Lina's**, on Avenida Maximo Gomez, is the best restaurant in town. As far as shopping is concerned, the only great buy is amber (fossilized pine resin). The beautiful honey- and rootbeer-colored stones are sold everywhere, even on the streets. But for true value buy amber jewelry at **Ambar Marie**, Calle Rosa Duarte 19. For local crafts, browse in the native market (Mercado Modele) at the corner of Mella and Santome in the old town. One peso equals 100 centavos, so make sure you get an even exchange for your bucks.

If you fly in, expect your luggage to get a real going-over by Customs. Thus, if you use poppers carry them on your person and be prepared to explain their legitimate use if asked. Do not carry pot or hard drugs. Take a valid passport, birth certificate, or voter registration for entry. On the way out your luggage won't be inspected but you will—and it will be a thorough search (there has never been a skyjacking out of Santo Domingo and the authorities are determined to maintain their good record). Metal detectors will be passed over every inch of you—so you are advised not to wear a cock ring if you're going to get flustered when the buzzer sounds when the man pokes at your crotch. If you arrive by ship, no hassle getting in or out . . . no one will search or otherwise inspect you or your belongings as the carrier is responsible for you.

Santo Domingo can be an exciting adventure because it is still primitive as far as tourism is concerned—much in the same way its neighbor, Haiti, is concerned. The country is learning to handle tourists—but until serving the public becomes an industry, do expect some disappointments. Here, as in Haiti, you are something special—a

kind of pioneer. Most gay guys enjoy the difference—and the naivete of the boys. For such travelers we say, "Go all the way!"—by visiting the Dominican Republic and Haiti on the same trip. They are exciting places—and when it comes to dark-skinned beauties who really do sell their meat by the pound you can't beat it. (Unless, of course, you try using both hands!)

If you are planning to do the Caribbean this winter we urge you to send for a copy of the December 1975 *Ciao!*—devoted entirely to the Gay Caribbean. See the special ad in this issue . . . your first step to help guarantee yourself a rewarding and sexually explosive adventure this winter!

## Gay Venice

### La Dolce Vita

By Ray Trapp

Nowhere in all of Italy will you find a more romantic city than Venice. It is the stuff that dreams are made of. Its main streets are lagoons filled with gondolas. Byzantine architecture is everywhere—and it evokes still other mind images. Angels and pigeons hover above and its squares are filled with soft music.

Italy in summertime is hectic. In and out of this museum or that. Kneel in this church and dozens of others. Fight screaming kids at seaside resorts. In Venice you rest. You take a breather from an impossible vacation schedule. Sit back in a comfortable chair in the square while you taste the delicious sounds of the mini orchestras around you and the sugary cream in your **cappuccino**. Here there's time to taste.

See more museums if you wish—and more churches too. In Venice you walk through slowly . . . no need to hurry. Linger over lunch and dinner. Take a leisurely ride in a gondola or motor over to the Lido for a day in the sun. And when the sun

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sets and all the people have turned in—wander the quiet streets where the only sounds are purring cats enjoying their evening meal, and the gurgling water all around you.

Venezia is *la dolce vita*.

Cruising is done at a leisurely pace too. There's more time to enjoy eye flirtations—and new friends. In Venice you cruise from your chair in the square, or on a stroll. There are gay others everywhere—and Tadzio's too. Not many. Enough to make it interesting and what follows even more delicious. Perhaps it will happen by chance in one of the many public urinals. The one near the American Express office is especially busy.

Take a motor launch (15 minutes) over to the Lido. The bunkers on the far right are active all day—and they see heavy action. Perhaps you'll meet another guy like yourself. Locals charge—but in Italy everybody charges. Gays also gather on the strip of beach in front of the Europa campsite.

Perhaps **Harry's Bar**, San Marco 1665, will reward you with a friend in time for dinner. The international set gathers here—including gay swingles. If you like cruising movie theatres try the **Edison** or the **Olympia** around 8 p.m.

The heart and soul of Venice is the Piazza San Marco—the square dominated by the Basilica of St. Mark and the Campanile (bell tower). It leads into the smaller Piazzetta and esplanade (Riva degli Schiavoni) along the Giudecca Canal—the broad canal dominated by San Giorgio Maggiore on the far side. Late at night, when everything is quiet, it is along this esplanade—and particularly in the vicinity of the Bridge of Sighs—that gay strangers become lovers.

One doesn't fret over sex in Venice. It happens. It isn't frantic. You savor it when it does come.

It makes no difference where you stay, so rely on your airlines or travel agent to book your hotel—depending on what price range you are seeking. The finest hotel in all of Venice is the deluxe **Danieli Royal Excelsior**.

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Piazza San Marco



The Rialto Bridge



A Vaporetto



A Pedestrian Street



A Cafe in the Piazzetta



Riva degli Schiavoni



View from Danieli's Rooftop



A Canal-Side Restaurant



Lido Bath-House



Lido's Public Beach



It is situated on the Riva degli Schiavoni and the rooms facing the canal and its rooftop restaurant afford one of the most beautiful views in all the world. I mention this mainly to suggest that you at least have lunch here and experience the best **salsa Bolognese** in the whole of Italy. For dinner, try the veal at **Antico Martini**, Campo Dan Fantin 1981. Its outdoor dining area under a grape arbor is a rich experience. Other fine restaurants include the **Taverna La Fenice** and **La Colomba**. Mostly, you will want to discover small canal-side restaurants that have good food and lots of atmosphere.

Venice is not that formal—and summertime is warm, so don't take a lot of clothes you won't need. If you want to go casual all the time, perhaps you should stay on the Lido (if you saw the movie **Death in Venice** you will have some idea of what to expect). There are deluxe hotels, but perhaps things are more relaxed at the first-class **Eurotel** or second-class **Helvetia**. There are many others. Discuss the Lido with your travel agent when you book for Venice. And be advised that in Venice (including the Lido) the front doors on all hotels are usually locked at night. A porter is on hand to admit you. Sometimes you are given a key. In any case, it can be difficult getting a trick in—if at all possible. (This is true of most hotels in Italy and many throughout Europe.)

Venice is sinking. It's true. Perhaps it won't happen in our lifetime . . . but one never knows (the recent earthquake in the north was felt in Venice and undoubtedly didn't help matters). Go now. The city is an experience. It will make your life richer—and its effect will linger on forever.

## Gay Dining NYC Americana

By The Editors

Not too many years ago there

was a restaurant in the south of Greenwich Village called **17 Barrow**, not surprisingly, at 17 Barrow Street. Its ambiance was relaxed and it appealed greatly to bohemians—the new beats who were the social phenomenon a dozen or so years ago. There was lots of dirt on the floor and droopy dripping candles on the bare tables. The two fireplaces were rarely used. And the food was terrible.

Happily, **17 Barrow** is gone, and in that same historic location—a brick building originally constructed as a carriage house for Aaron Burr, and which later served as a blacksmith's shop, a firehouse, a speakeasy, a brothel, an after-hours club, and more recently, a restaurant, as we have mentioned—is one of the finest restaurants in New York City, a comfortable place called **One If By Land . . . Two If By Sea**.

The building itself has been refurbished and in fact is now a municipally designated landmark. To get there, you start at Sheridan Square (corner of Seventh Ave. and West 4th St.), the gay heart of Greenwich Village and site of the Stonewall Riots, walk a short distance south (downtown) to Barrow St., and turn left. You can see the building from Seventh Ave. but since there is no sign you will have to check the street numbers and look for the small card discreetly placed in the doorway, to know that you have arrived.

The prominent bar is always populated and the main dining room, with its blazing fireplaces (except in summer) and homey, exposed brick walls, create a cozy atmosphere. There is a smaller downstairs dining room and a third, upstairs, in what was once a hayloft; it is reached by a broad carpeted staircase and overlooks a pretty garden. The carpeting on the staircase, and in the dining rooms, by the way, provides a feeling of graciousness which might otherwise be absent because of the somewhat rugged Early American touches.

One of the two owners is a Chilean and specialties are occasionally on the menu. But it is an

eclectic menu with offerings ranging from the simplest American fare to continental dishes. The specialty of the house is the beef Wellington—and it is available in individual portions for one. On holidays truly authentic Early American dishes await celebrating guests.

The menu is strictly à la carte, with main dishes priced from \$5.95 (if you order beef Wellington, or steak, along with everything that comes before and after, count on spending between \$30 and \$50 for two). Everything is excellent, and by New York standards the tab is average; you will certainly feel that you have gotten your money's worth—and that's rare in most restaurants these days.

There are other things that make **One If By Land . . . Two If By Sea** a standout: It is open 365 evenings a year; most NYC restaurants close Mondays, and many close Sundays too. You get delightful, yet unobtrusive piano music with your dinner if you don't arrive too early in the evening. The restaurant is in the heart of Greenwich Village, and only a stone's-throw from the gayest street in all of New York City—Christopher St.—and is therefore convenient, and makes bar-hopping or cruising after dinner easy. Dress is informal; provided you don't go with torn, dirty clothing you'll be presentable and not out of place—so your cruising outfit is all right. The restaurant is popular with gay guys—and that makes it all the more comfortable and enjoyable.

But call for reservations and avoid disappointment: 255-8649. **One If By Land . . . Two If By Sea** is not an everyday place—but dining here will make special occasions even more meaningful.

## Recipes From Around The World

Gathered by The Editors

The travel crunch of inflation

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and the skiddy fortunes of the dollar abroad have caused the yearly visitor to Europe to look at vacation options nearer home. Happily—through the gay perspectives of **Ciao!**—this has proved no hardship at all, and many gay guys are discovering **new** delights in Acapulco, Mexico City, San Juan, Hawaii and Haiti, as well as in many exciting Canadian cities. Still more, however, now focus on the Caribbean circuit . . . that exotic necklace of islands, each with a special lure of its own.

One common lure is rum. But here again, each island has a special rum of its own manufacture—a rum with a difference . . . and so many rums with so many differences that one customarily notes a gay guy stepping off the plane with a duty-free package of several rums in one hand, and his travel gear in the other. And if you should note an urgency in his step it's very likely that he's eager to introduce to his friends some of the delicious rum drinks that made his vacation so pleasant.

So many of us lump rum into two categories—dark or light—and occasionally renew our acquaintance with it either in a Daiquiri or Planters Punch, that it may come as a surprise to discover just how many rums there are, and how many fascinating libations one can make with them. The common link in the 'rumaround' is that all are made from some product of sugar cane—a broad spectrum of sources including not only the clear sugar-cane juice itself, but the residue left when the sugar has crystallized and been removed (such as in blackstrap molasses, so highly prized by devotees of health foods for its rich vitamin/mineral content).

Rum is made wherever sugar cane grows, and that means not only in the Caribbean countries, but in South America, South Africa, Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. It is interesting that recently Hawaii has gone on the rumaround and manufactures a brand you'll soon find in liquor stores under the **Leilani** label.

Rums are invariably **blends**, and **how** they are blended and with **what** they are blended make the wide differences. Generally they can be classified in three general types: the heavy, dark Jamaican . . . the light **grappe** of Guadeloupe . . . and the 'in-between' rums of Puerto Rico which range from very light to a lovely gold.

If Barbados is your favorite Caribbean island, then you undoubtedly have learned to love its rather smoke-flavored rum, or perhaps you've been zapped by the aged rum of its Mount Gay distillery . . . a few drops of which can send you into a tailspin! A rum of moderately-heavy character is Demerara—from Guyana. Rum from Trinidad also falls into the Demerara category. The rum manufactured in Martinique, however, is just a little heavier and feels like liquid velvet on your tongue. It can enslave you!



Gay guys visiting Jamaica are often puzzled by the paradox that most Jamaican gay guys don't drink the famous dark rum we associate with their country . . . the rum we generally find stocked in American bars, from which the very popular Planters Punch is made. Instead, they prefer the light Puerto Rican rums, because, as they say, "They're more **macho**." (And if anyone is more macho than a Puerto Rican we should like to meet him . . . instantly!). Jamaican gay guys—especially those into **reggaye** (the Jamaican equivalent of driving rock music) call dark Jamaican rum "Old mon's drink." And to prove how much

**machismo** one has, the idea is to drink the light Puerto Rican rum neat, or perhaps with just a sip of water on the side to speed it into the gonads for fast sex-action. Thus a combination of status and status-symbol in one.

But much of the delight of rum derives from the various mixtures of which it is an ingredient. We have some we'd like you to try the next time you entertain. You may get both more acceleration and greater mileage from them at the same time. It's a neat trick, but these should help you bring it off.

### RUM VIRGIN

Use 1½ oz. **light** Virgin Islands rum. Here lightness is of the essence. A heavier rum will make a bomb of it and/or make it too ickily sweet. A slice of fresh pineapple . . . a dash of Cointreau . . . a dash of lime juice (freshly-squeezed, not bottled) . . . a dash of simple syrup. Mix in a blender until the pineapple slice has been liquefied. Pour into an iced cocktail glass.

### RUM COCONUT

Light rum is required for this one, too. Mix in a blender: 1 oz. cream of coconut . . . 2 oz. light rum . . . 3 oz. unsweetened pineapple juice, and one cup of finely-shaved ice. About 30 seconds of blending should do it, and you serve it on the rocks in a tall glass. Makes a wonderful conversational drink, just before leading him to the sacrifice.

### RUM COGNAC

Combine in a shaker with cracked ice: 1 oz. light or golden Puerto Rican rum (Bacardi will be fine) . . . 1½ oz. cognac . . . 1 teaspoon powdered sugar . . . a half-pint of whole milk. Shake well, pour into a 12-ounce glass and top with grated nutmeg and cinnamon.

### RUM ORGIASTIC

Into a pitcher of cracked ice combine 2 oz. golden Puerto Rican rum . . . 4 oz. cranberry juice . . . juice of ½ lemon . . . plus 3 oz. club soda. Serve in a mug with a shot of Grand Marnier liqueur just **eased** a-



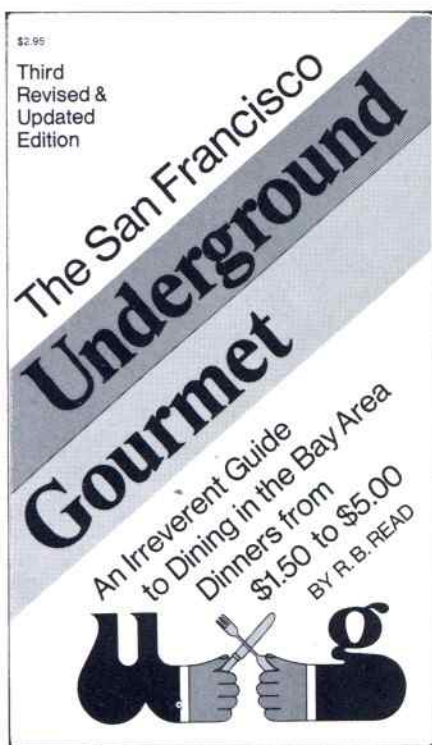
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### HOT BUTTERED RUM

This is for a hopefully hot trick on a very cold day. It's the classic sailor's 'tot' but done with some slight variations so that you won't knock your lover out before you've had a chance to polish him off. Fill a 12-ounce mug  $\frac{2}{3}$  full with boiling water. Add 2 ounces medium-heavy rum (such as Meyers dark) . . . a dash of bitters . . . and top with a pat of butter. Stir, and serve with grated nutmeg on top. Bottoms up (also hopefully)!

## Book Review

By The Editors



This month **Ciao!** salutes San Francisco, that gorgeous, sprawling-necklace of a city many consider to be the actual capital of gay life in North America. Certainly to the first-time visitor **gay** seems everywhere and omnipresent. There's more of it centered here; the climate in which it thrives is more congenial than one finds anywhere else; and the vigor of its thrust is

simply breathtaking to those from still largely 'closet' cities.

Sex isn't everything in San Francisco, however, although that will be hotly denied by many gay guys who sometimes don't surface in the outer world for days! There is lots to see and do that, particularly in this Bicentennial Year, is unique in American culture.

Of special interest is the enormous number and variety of restaurants in this big town, rivaled in number and variety of cuisines only by New York. The great difference is that the prices are so much lower in San Francisco. Which has prompted R.B. Read to revise and update his widely-read, authoritative dining guide **The San Francisco Underground Gourmet**, just in time for the Bicentennial visitor and this special San Francisco issue of **Ciao!**

Those who visit, or live in New York, often feel that food prices in The Big Apple are not just hair-raising, but scalp-removing. Thus we have long depended on such books as **The New York Times Guide to Dining Out in New York** to pinpoint some restaurant where the food is excellent and the price not too heart-wrenching. Mr. Read's book does much the same for San Francisco, and he has made it even simpler by listing restaurants/dining places not only by category, as does the Times Guide (French, Middle-Eastern, Mexican, and so on), but by price range—the categories beginning at \$1.50 or less . . . continuing in like vein from \$1.51 to \$2 . . . \$2.01 to \$3 . . . and by dollar jumps through and above \$5. Moreover, to make these restaurants within easy reach of one's own **pied-à-terre** they are listed by district (Midtown, Chinatown, North Beach, The Tenderloin, Out Geary Boulevard, Polk Street . . . many others).

So with regard to type, location and price, you are offered the widest choices of really excellent food, while still remaining in command of your wallet. Also, a rather endearing section of this fascinating book is **Gay**, in which there are in-depth

reviews of such restaurants as **The Mint, The Fickle Fox, The Campground**, and several others. As you may imagine, this is not a subject likely to be covered in any other **general** dining-out guide! All of which makes it of paramount interest to the gay visitor. Mr. Read also goes into the aspect of certain mostly-gay restaurants that have excellent food—so good, that they draw the gourmet straights as well. In describing **The Fickle Fox** to them, as an example, he says "It's strictly for the unfazable, being New Orleans in feeling, with Potted-Palm Chichi. The custom dresses to come here—either up, in full feather, or down, making a personal statement in leather or Levi's (a pointed contrast to the brocaded walls)."

Also listed is a restaurant that's making a pitch for the gay trade, and whose owner wrote us asking to be included in our new, revised edition of "Private Stock," our gay travel guide. Unfortunately we received his request just after the guide had gone to press, but we mention it here, and note that it is included in the **Underground Gourmet** listings as well—**The Captain's Galley**, 2241 Chestnut Street. The owner kindly invited us to have a meal with him when we were again out San Francisco way. He may regret this, however, since he doesn't know the ravenous appetites of our roving reporters! Gay visitors might give **The Captain's Galley** a whirl. We hope you do.

What is not covered in this fine book is a review of such **haute cuisine** (also **haute prix**) places as **Ernie's** and **L'Étoile**. In these restaurants you and your lover are not likely to leave unfed, but for the two of you you should expect to be relieved of about \$45 cash for dinner and wine. That's expensive, even by New York standards, and so Mr. Read has wisely concentrated on the 'believable' price range of the hundreds of other excellent San Francisco restaurants.

It is also wise to check various restaurant prices, where applicable, against the fullest **gay** listings in Ralph W. Davis's

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article in this issue. You will have a complete picture of just what to expect. Prices everywhere often change in a trice.

**The San Francisco Underground Gourmet** is A Fireside Book, published by Simon and Schuster, New York; 320 pages, with indexes; and the price is a nominal \$2.95 at your local bookstore. If you are planning to visit this gayest of gay cities you should have it with you for additional reference. It will pay you many times over.

## Gay World News & Notes

By The Editors

**San Francisco . . .** Another gay first. Where else but this Gay Capital of the Western World would you find a gay mortuary? Soon to be, as reports go. It seems that one of the most fabled characters on the San Francisco gay scene is enrolled in a mortuary school with the ultimate idea of being a live wire in the gay dead business. The idea of having a gay mortuary, with gay embalmers and other funeral functionaries is unique, but what will undoubtedly prove equally unique is that, given the gay individual's talent for creativeness in design, it will probably be the most elegant mortuary anywhere. Isn't it comforting for the gay San Franciscan to know that when he **does** have to go, at least he can be buried in total elegance, with his best cock ring placed on by loving hands. Requiescat in **gay** pace!

**Philadelphia . . .** One down and one to go. Salvatore Soli, 37, has been convicted of first-degree murder in the stabbing death of John S. Knight III, an heir to the Knight-Ridder newspaper fortune, and an editor for the Philadelphia Daily News. The gay slaying took place in Knight's Rittenhouse Square apartment. Sentencing will come

later; under Pennsylvania law the conviction carries a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment or death in the electric chair. A second suspect, Steven Maleno, 25, will be tried later. And both Soli and Maleno will be tried for the slaying of a third suspect, Felix Melendez, who was slain five days after the Dec. 7th Knight killing.

**San Francisco . . .** Chief of Police Charles Gain has openly declared that homosexual policemen "should come out of the closet" to show they can be good cops. "If they come out it will help everyone," Gain said in a weekend discussion with members of the Harry S. Truman Democratic Club. "It will be hard for them, I know that, but they'll have the full support of the police chief."

**New York . . .** In a poll conducted by the Daily News, 535 persons 18 and older were telephoned at random and asked, "The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that a state may outlaw voluntary homosexual acts committed by adults in their own homes. Do you agree or disagree with this decision?" The response was: Agree, 18%; Disagree, 58%; Don't Know, 24%. Another question was: "Do you think that homosexuals should be accepted in society and treated the same as anyone else?" The replies were: Yes, 63%; No, 21%; Don't Know, 16%.

**Publications . . .** The new biography of Charles Laughton by Charles Higham reveals his homosexuality. The actor, who is best remembered for his portrayal of Captain Bligh in **Mutiny on the Bounty**, had many gay companions among the members of Hollywood's British screen colony. His wife, Elsa Lanchester, not only admitted these facts to the author, but tells how she adapted herself to the circumstances, providing warmth, hospitality and friendship to her husband's male companions.

**New York . . .** Times Square is under fire again—as always. The police bombardment at this particular time is inspired by the political doings at Madison

Square Garden; Mayor Beame doesn't want the delegates to be offended by seedy 42nd Street—dismissing the possibility that the Democrats may have picked New York City in the first place because of fun spots like 42nd Street. Latest purge on Sin Street is Playland, a penny arcade between Seventh and Eighth Avenues—where boys as young as eight gather in order to meet older johns who come by in big cars. This, according to the police—who followed one such john, a rabbi, through the Lincoln Tunnel to a motel in North Bergen, N.J., where they broke in and found the rabbi, wearing only a yarmulke, and two half-naked boys (11 and 14). The police claim that, they aren't against homosexuality but do not want children getting hurt. Last March a 14-year-old boy, believed to be a 42nd Street prostitute, was found slain in a ravine in Jersey City, N.J. The case is still unsolved. Oftentimes the johns are as seedy as the hustlers they buy. See the October 1976 **QQ Magazine**, out in August, for some fascinating facts on hustlers and their johns.



42nd Street

**Toyland . . .** The Mattel Toy Co. recently announced that it will market a boy doll complete with penis. In response, the Ideal Toy Co. has put a similar doll into production. There will be a difference, however—the Mattel doll will be uncircumcised, and the Ideal boy will be cut.

**Miami . . .** According to the police, a "bloodbath" is expected in coming months—the consequence of organized crime trying to take over a big chunk of the gay action in the Miami-Ft. Lauderdale area (there are over



100 gay bars, clubs, baths, etc.). Recent gangland-type slayings of independent owners of gay establishments in Miami and Atlanta, Ga. have been linked to the syndicate.

That's all this month . . . more gay world news and notes in our next issue.

## Gay World Travel Tips

By The Editors

- If you suffer from constipation when you travel, and it puts a damper on Greek action, you'll be pleased to know about a fecal softener called **Dialose**. Ordinary laxatives are so severe they usually cause the stool to liquefy—and you end up spending half your vacation sitting on the pot in a splatter of spray. **Dialose** softens the turds by providing moisture, and thus breaks up the congestion and promotes normal bowel movement. The product is available at your drug counter without a prescription. Buy some now and test it before your next vacation in order to determine its results before encountering difficulties on the road.

- More than 320 tips on traveling throughout the world are contained in the second edition of the **Rand McNally Traveler's Almanac**. The book sells for \$5.95 at your local bookseller, or by mail from 6900 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90038.

- It's a good idea to reconfirm your return flight on arrival. Using unfamiliar phone systems in a foreign city can cause delays—and loss of your reservation.

- If you'd like to stay in a castle or a manor house in England on your next trip, write R&I Tours, Ltd., 138A Piccadilly, London for details. Cost is approximately \$75 to \$125 a night for two, with dinner and breakfast.

- Most hotel/motel rooms are

adequately insulated for sound, but sometimes room noise can be heard in the hallway because there is too much space between the bottom of the door and the floor—particularly if the door has been raised to clear carpeting. If you determine this to be a problem in your next room, and you want to get into some heavy action without everybody outside your room getting the message, then place a damp towel (a used bath towel is ideal) across the bottom of the door to soak up escaping noise.



## CONNECTIONS

are possible when you know where the action is wherever you are. We put it all together in **Ciao!** and that information is condensed, and included in our annual gay travel directory, "Private Stock," advertised elsewhere in this magazine. We are now gathering information for inclusion in our 1976 directory—and would appreciate hearing about your favorite gay bars, baths, action spots, etc., so that we may pass the good word on via **Ciao!** and "Private Stock." We put it all together and help guarantee great connections for you—wherever you travel. Please send a list of your favorite spots and discoveries you have made on your travels to: Travel Editor, QQ Publishing Co., Inc., Suite 602, 450 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y. 10001. Thank you.

- Believe it or not—soft water penetrates the bowel more easily than hard water. Hard water stirs up and cleans the lower colon without disturbing the upper reaches of the bowel. Thus, douching with one or two bags of hard water is usually all that's necessary to assure the cleanliness you desire for ordinary anal penetration. Soft water penetrates more deeply and, in fact, is almost like a high colonic in effect. Even if you desire only to clean the lower colon soft water will stir up a lot more—so sit and douche until you feel absolutely no pressure and the water runs clean. If you have soft water at home you know what to expect—but if you have hard water and douche with soft water on your travels be aware of the difference and avoid possible embarrassment when you're ready for action.

- When you cruise in john stalls in places you are not familiar with, be certain the guy next to you is gay before you get down on your knees and put it under. We continually get reports from readers everywhere of unfortunate experiences caused by suppositions that just because the guy next door looks hip it's safe to get started without first passing notes. You can get your balls crushed by a hostile fist, or even have them cut.

- If nudity is your bag be sure to visit the town of Morolo, Italy this summer. The hideaway is in the Appenine Mountains, and serves as home for many nudists of Europe. However, in order to compromise the uptight police, clothing is shed only on Sundays and holidays.

- People abroad think we Americans are extremists when it comes to cleanliness . . . they refer to us as being "antiseptic." By our standards even those who are clean in many countries leave much to be desired. If you like screwing where soap and water are not available (outdoor action in parks, for example) then be sure and take a supply of Wash 'n Dri packets along.

That's it this month . . . see our next issue for more travel tips to help make the going easier.

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XAVIER'S CHUM-FANNY FOO  
HAS FALLEN MADLY IN LOVE  
WITH DE WITT DE COLLARDS-A  
MUSCULAR BIGGIE IN EVERY  
DEPT. AND PRINCE CHARMING  
OF THE GIGANTIC, FABULOSO  
MARDI GRAS BALL BEING HELD  
THAT VERY NITE—

BUT F.F., BEING ONLY A LOWLY TRANSVESTITE WATERBUG, SULKS 'CAUSE HE WANTS TO MAKE THE BALL AND DEWITT! XAVIER THEN TELLS FANNY FOO HIS BIG SECRET... PISSPOTS HI-POTENCY GRASS HAS THE MAGIC POWERS TO HUMANIZE BUGS! -AND NO SOONER SAID THAN DONE- J

HOLY DONKEY  
DUNG... YOU...  
YOU IZ MUY  
GUAPO, FANNY FOO!!

NOW BE HONEST—  
DOZ I LOOK  
LIKE  
DEE-LORES  
DEL RIO...  
OR MAYBE  
CHER?

NO... NO YOU LOOK  
MORE LIKE A  
CHOCOLATE  
FREDDY PRINZE -  
TAKE A LOOK—!

YEAH?

WOW...I'Z SURE COULD  
BE A HEART-BREAKER  
WIT DIS PIECE OF SALAMI

TIME IZ  
A-WASTIN'...  
XAVIER HONEY!  
IZ GOTTA SHAVE  
OFF DIS FUZZ...  
FIND ME A  
GORGEOUS GOWN...  
DO MIZ HAIR...  
PUT ON SOME  
EYES... 'N SLAP  
ON SOME MAKE-UP!

WAIT.. WAIT,EE!! YOU'LL  
TURN DE WIT OFF WIT  
DAT SHIT! I HEARD HIM  
TELL PISSPOT HE LIKES  
HIS GUYS MACHO!! SO  
WHY NOT BORROW SOME  
OF PISSPOT'S KINKY  
GEAR —? LET'S CHECK  
OUT HIS CLOSET...

LORDEE-  
LOOK AT  
ALL DIS  
MACHO  
DRAG!

LEATHER..LEATHER EVERY-  
WHERE! WHAT'S DIS.. AN  
OL' FASHION SAILOR SUIT!

WOW... IT'S YOU!

A SHORT TIME LATER-

HOT BUTTERED BISCUITS-  
IZ FINALLY GOT MIZ  
BUNS INTA DIS THING...  
HOW DOZ IT LOOK, HONEY?

MONEY... MONEY-  
WHERE WILL IZ  
FIND A FEW COINS  
FOR A CAB, XAVIER?

FABULOSO...  
FANNY FOOD! YOU  
LOOK GOOD  
ENOUGH TA EAT!

IN DA COFFEE CAN ON  
DA FRIDG! PISSPOT  
ALWAYS KEEPS  
HIS LOOSE CHANGE  
DERE—!

OH XAVIER...SWEETMEATS-  
HOW CAN IZ EVER THANK  
YA FOR ALL DIS...?? YOU  
IZ A TRUE AMIGO...!!

DENADA-  
FANNY FOO

MARTI  
GRASS...  
HERE IZ  
COME!!!  
DONT WAIT  
UP, XAVIER-  
I'Z GONNA  
DANCE MIZ  
HOT TUCK ASS  
OFFTA DAWN-  
BYE...!

HAVE A  
BALL...

SIGH... I IZ BUSHED!  
I'M GONNA CATCH A  
STEVE REEVES FLIC  
ON DATUBE... JERK  
OFF... 'N GET ME SOME  
SHUT-EYE...

**HOLY TAGO CHIPS...**  
I COMPLETELY FOR-  
GOT TA TELL FANNYFOO  
ABOUT DA GRASS!!!  
DA MAGIC DESAPARECE  
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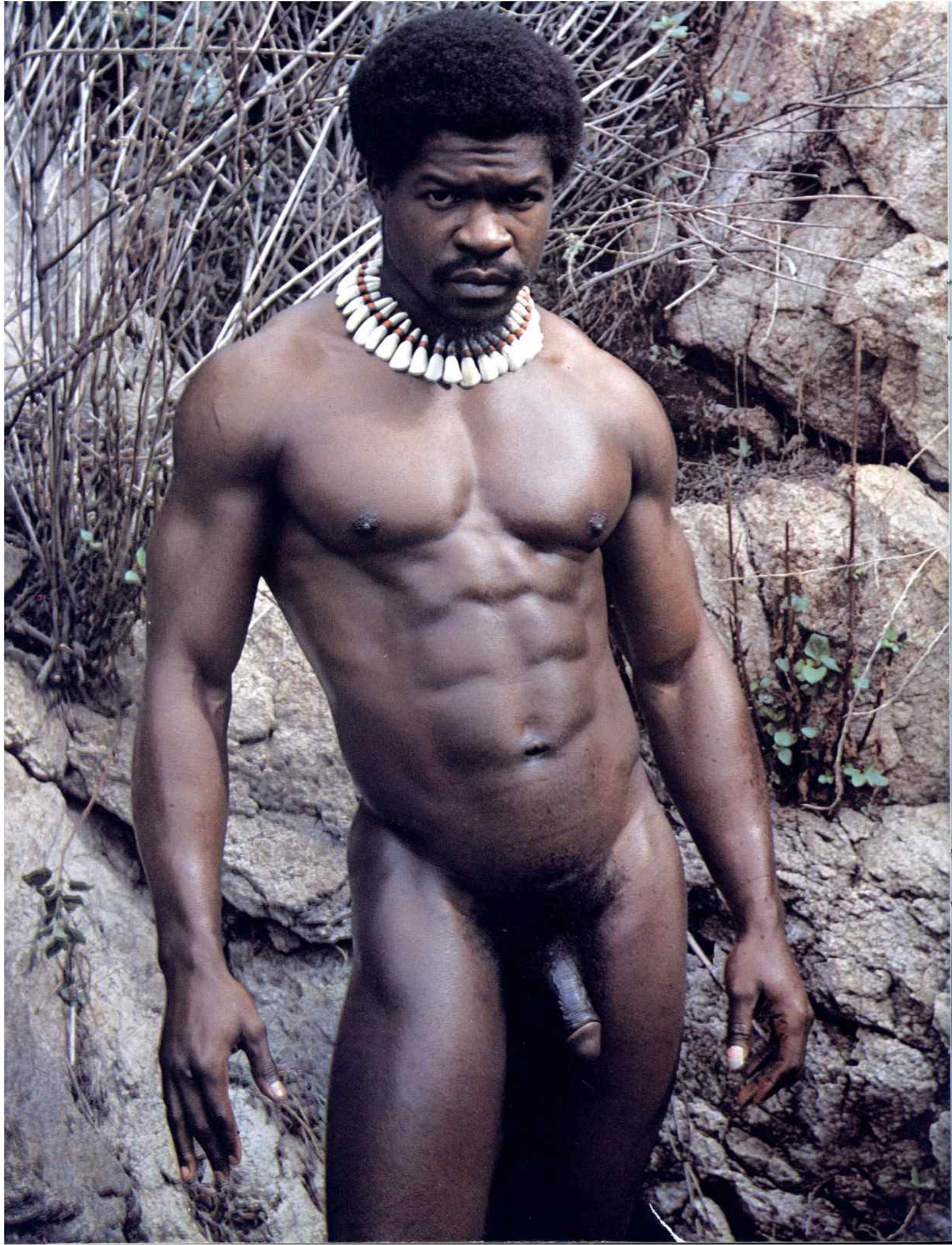
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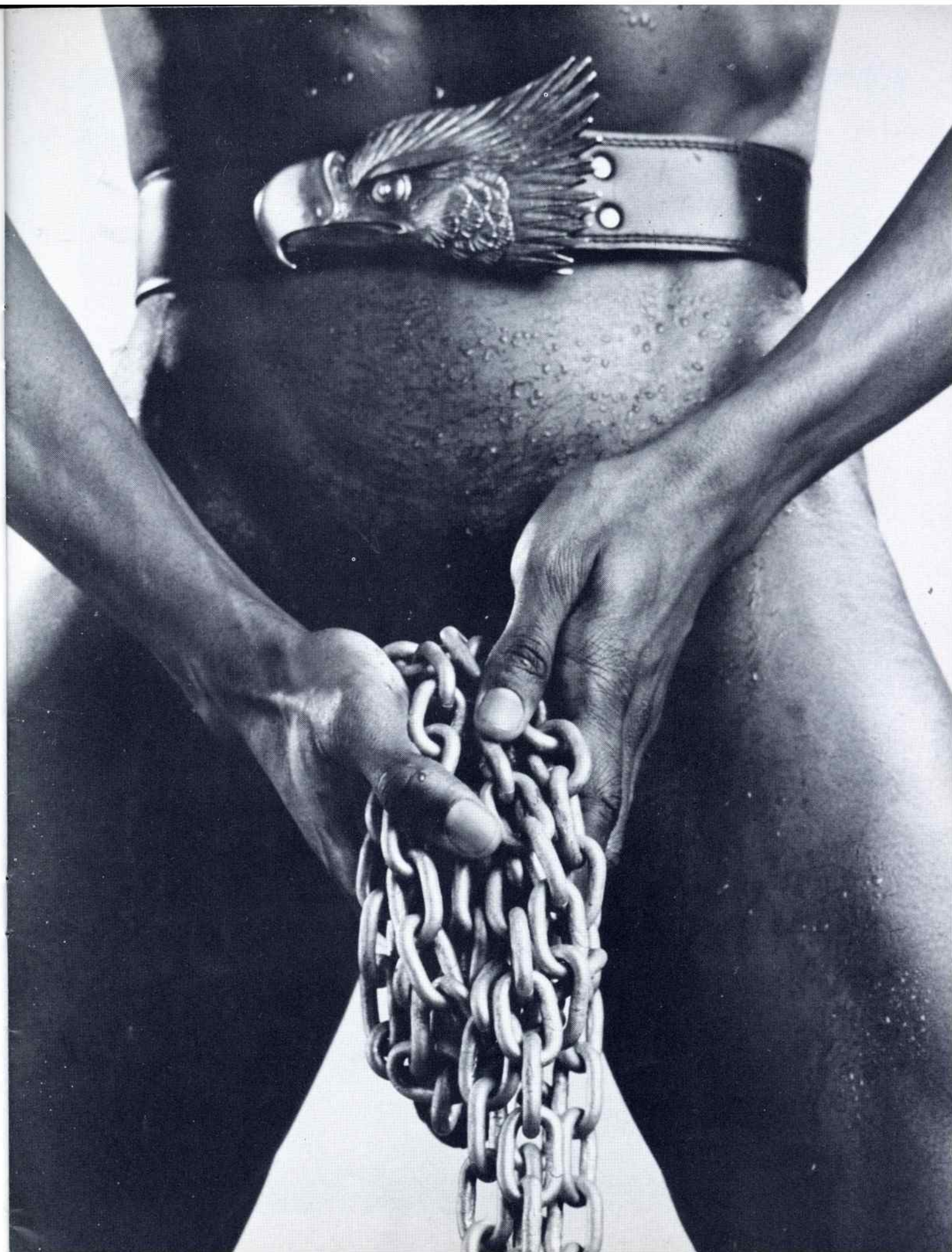
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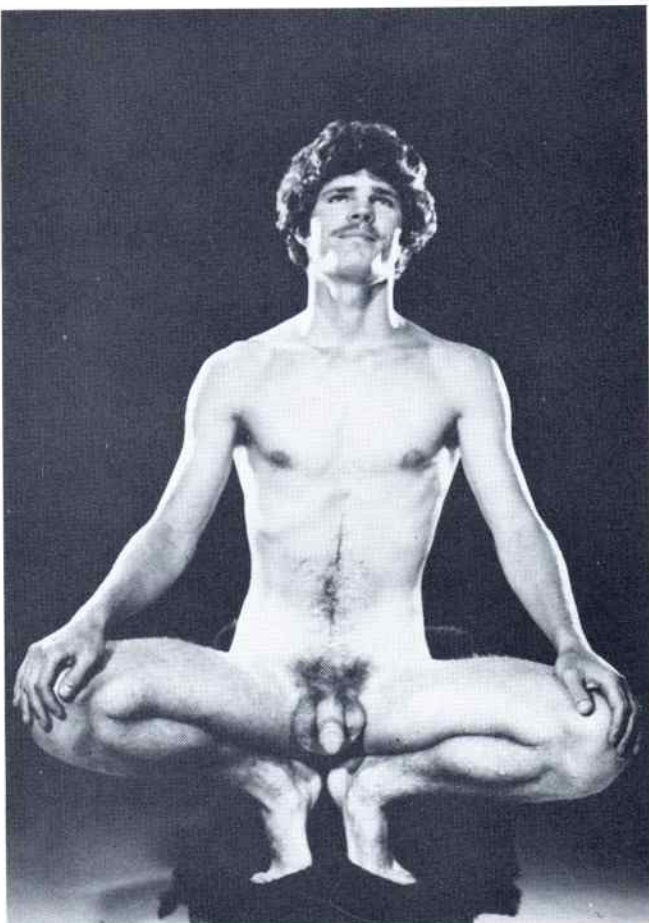








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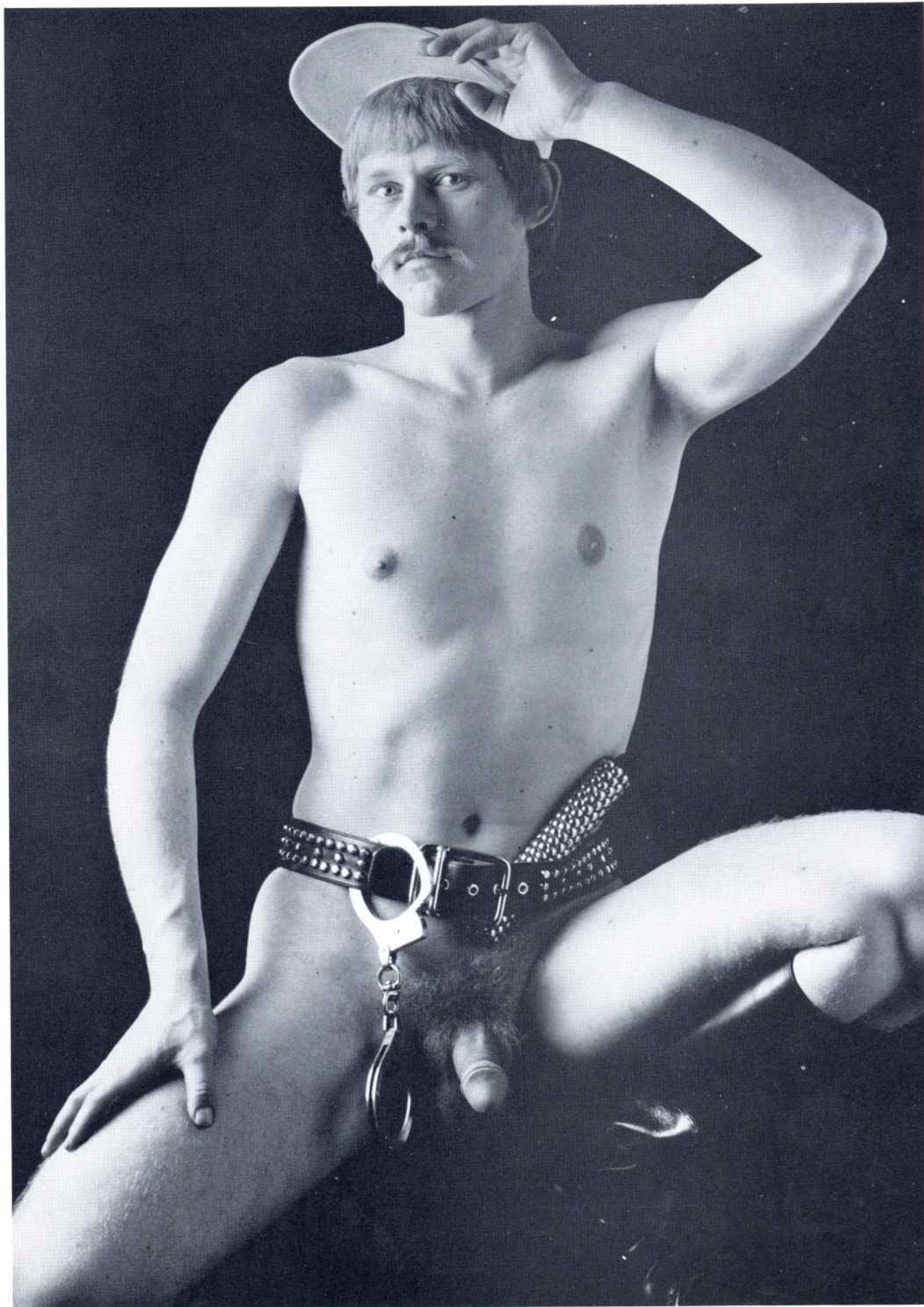


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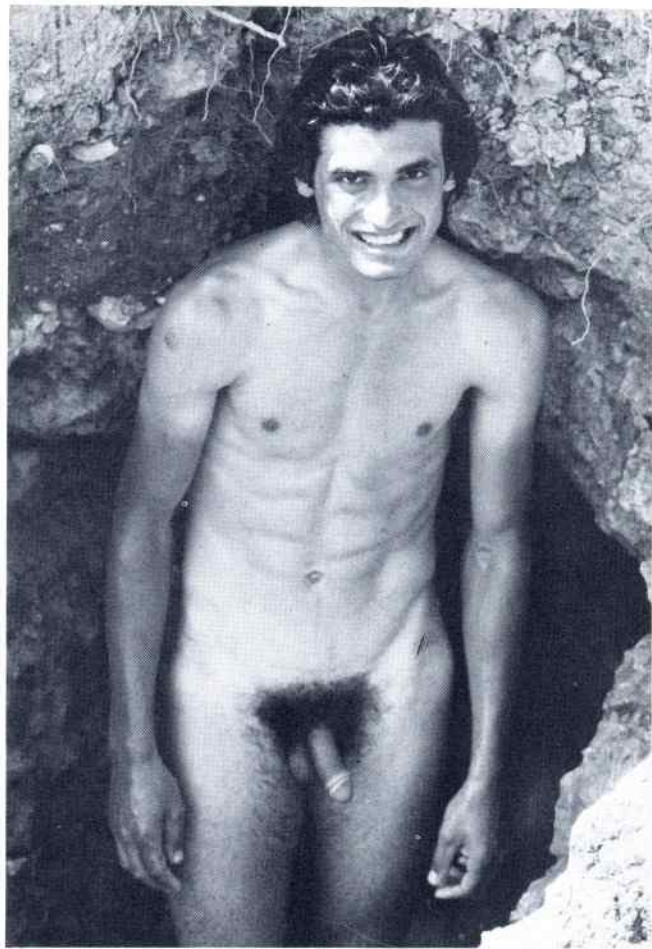




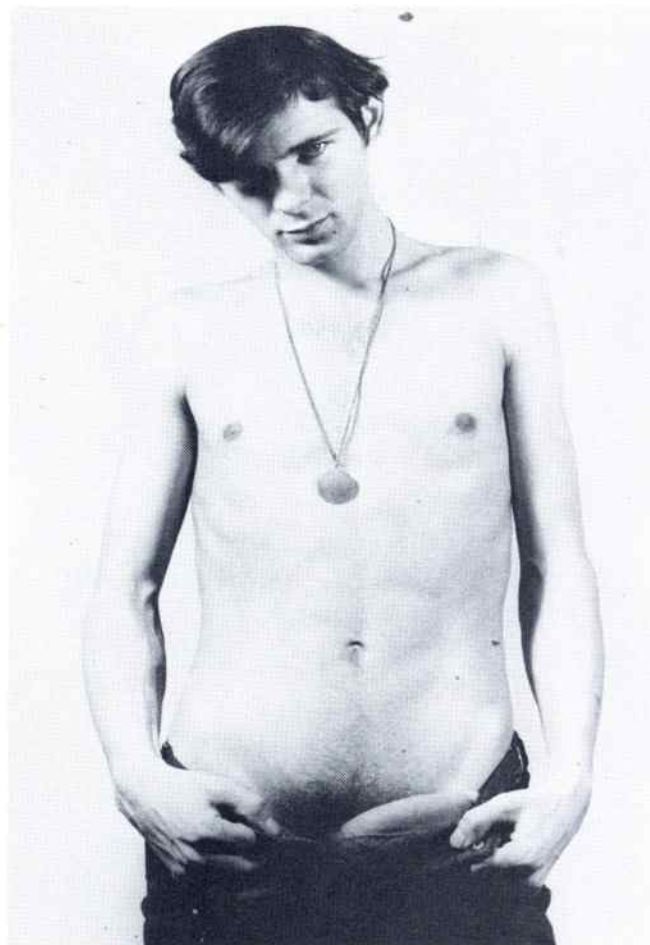




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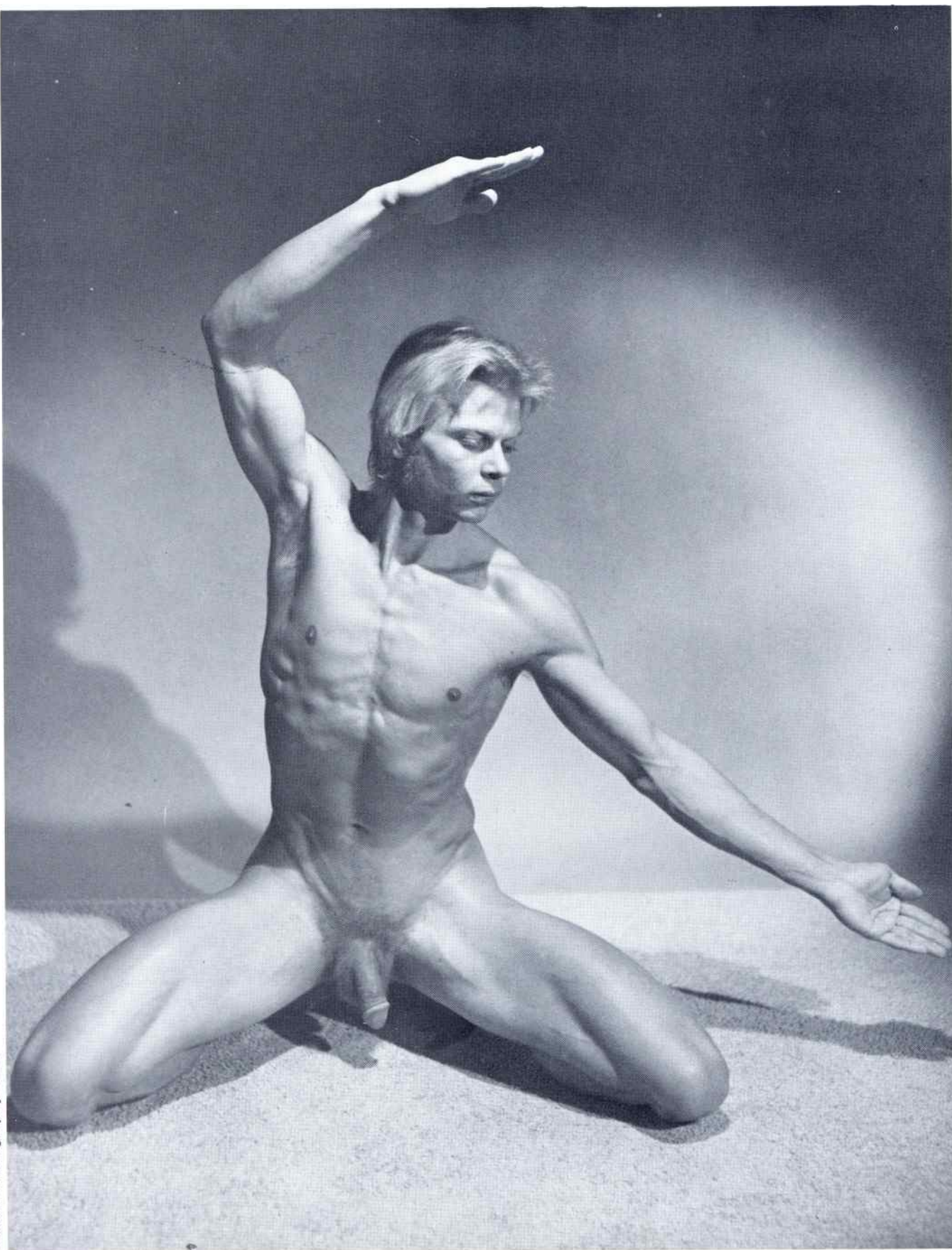




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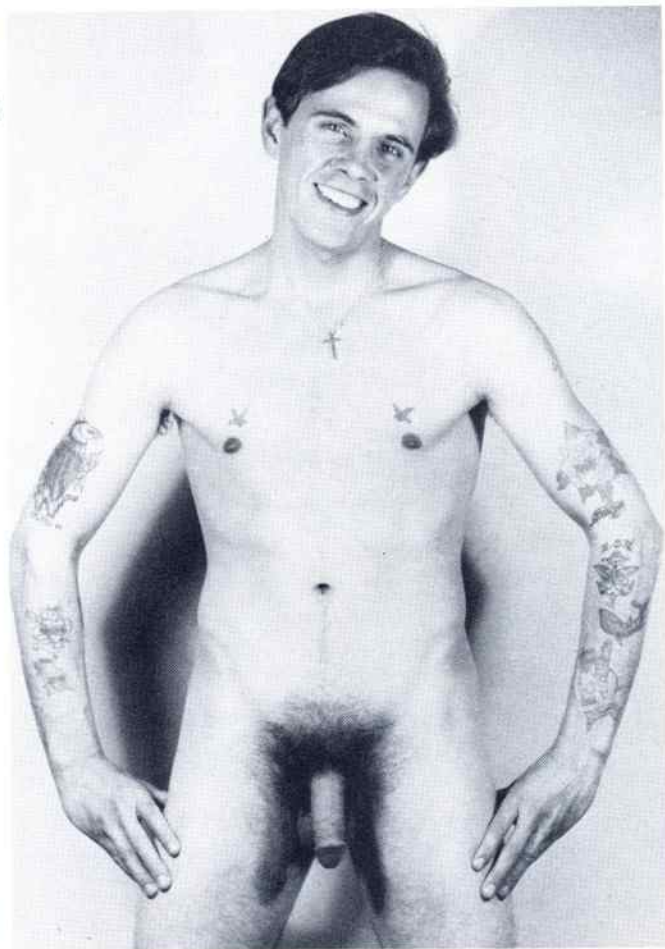
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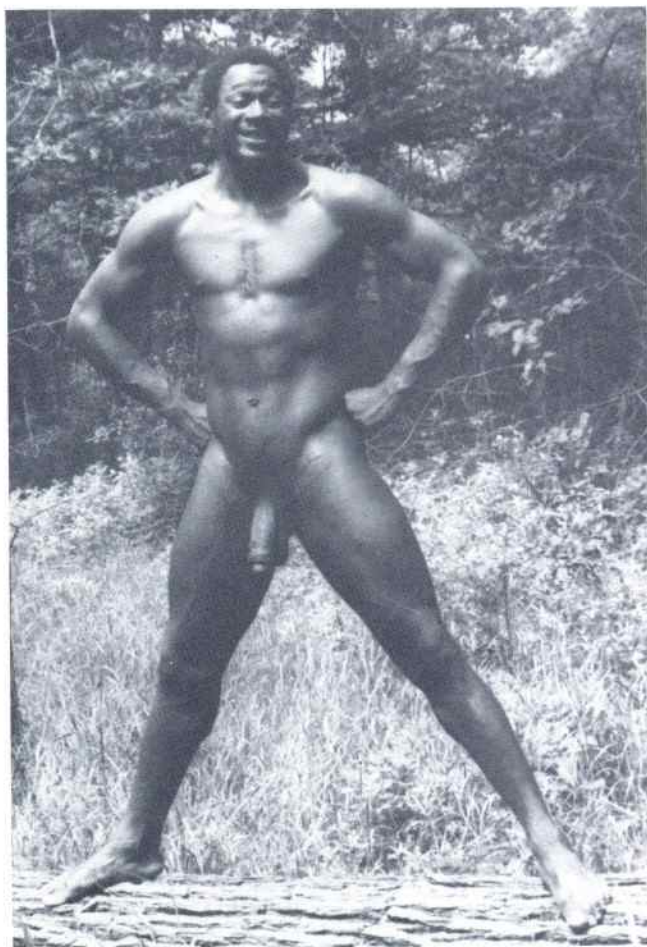


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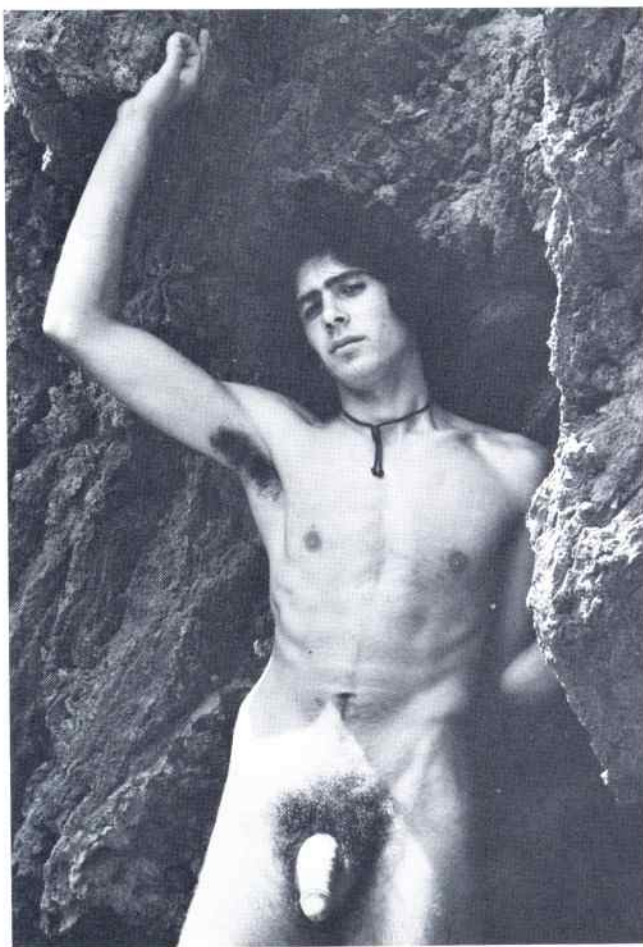


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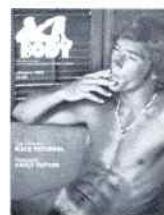
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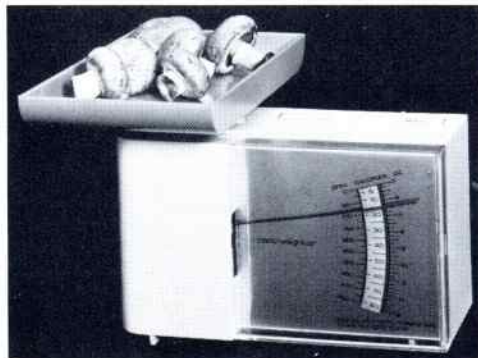
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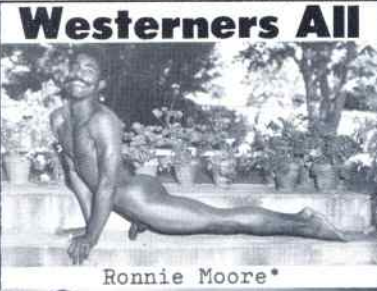
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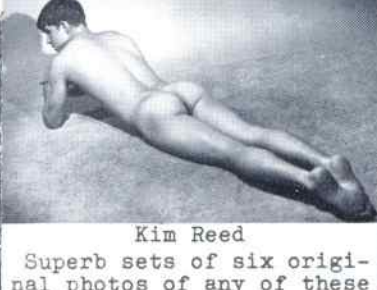
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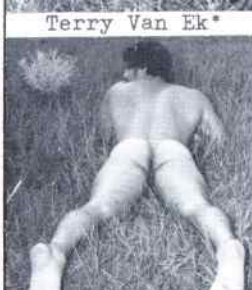
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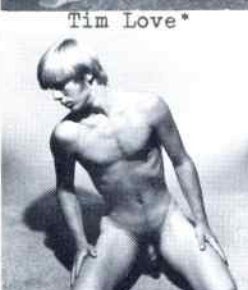
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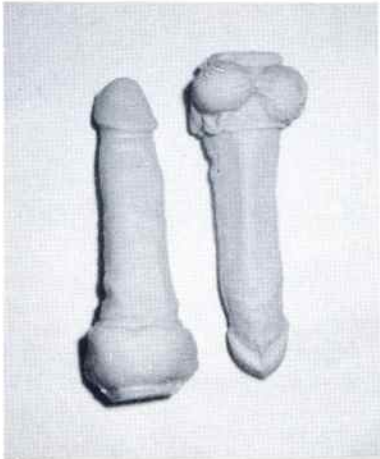
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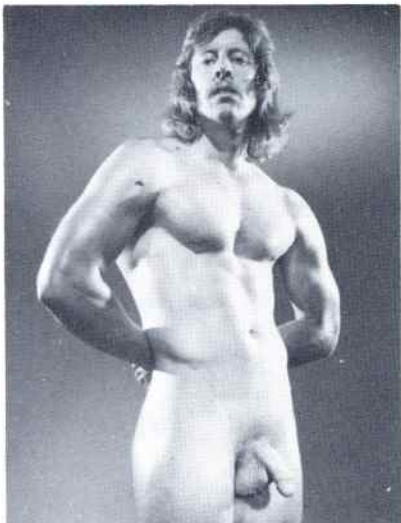

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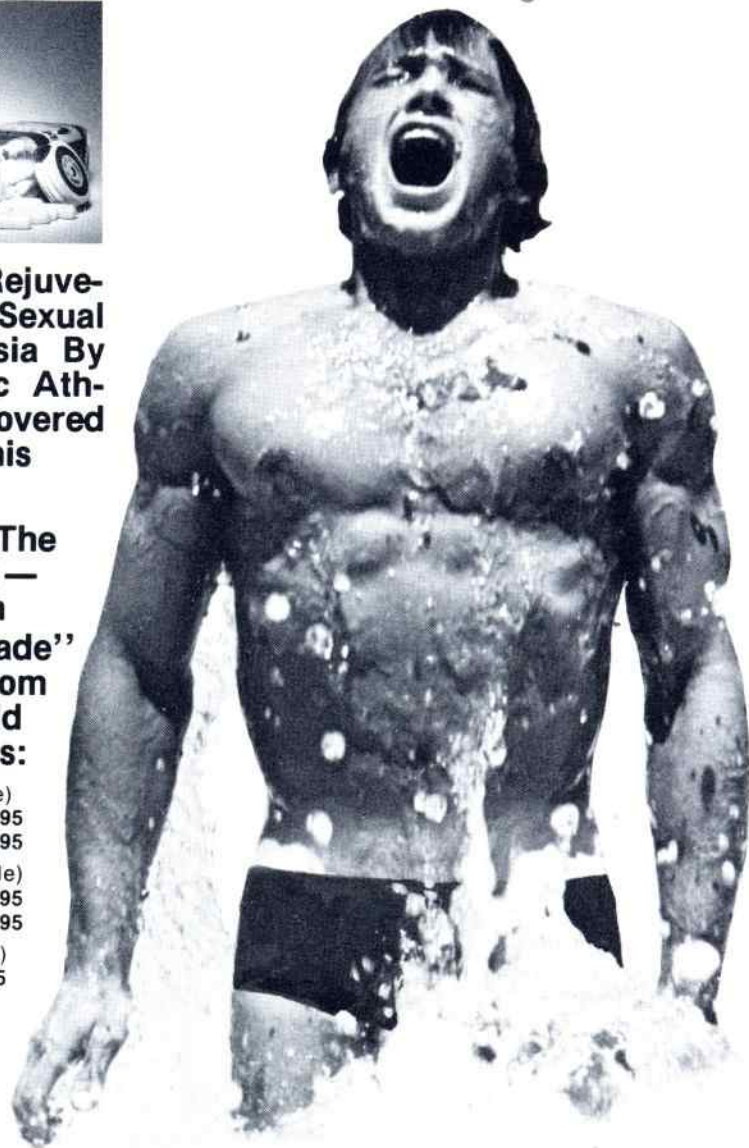




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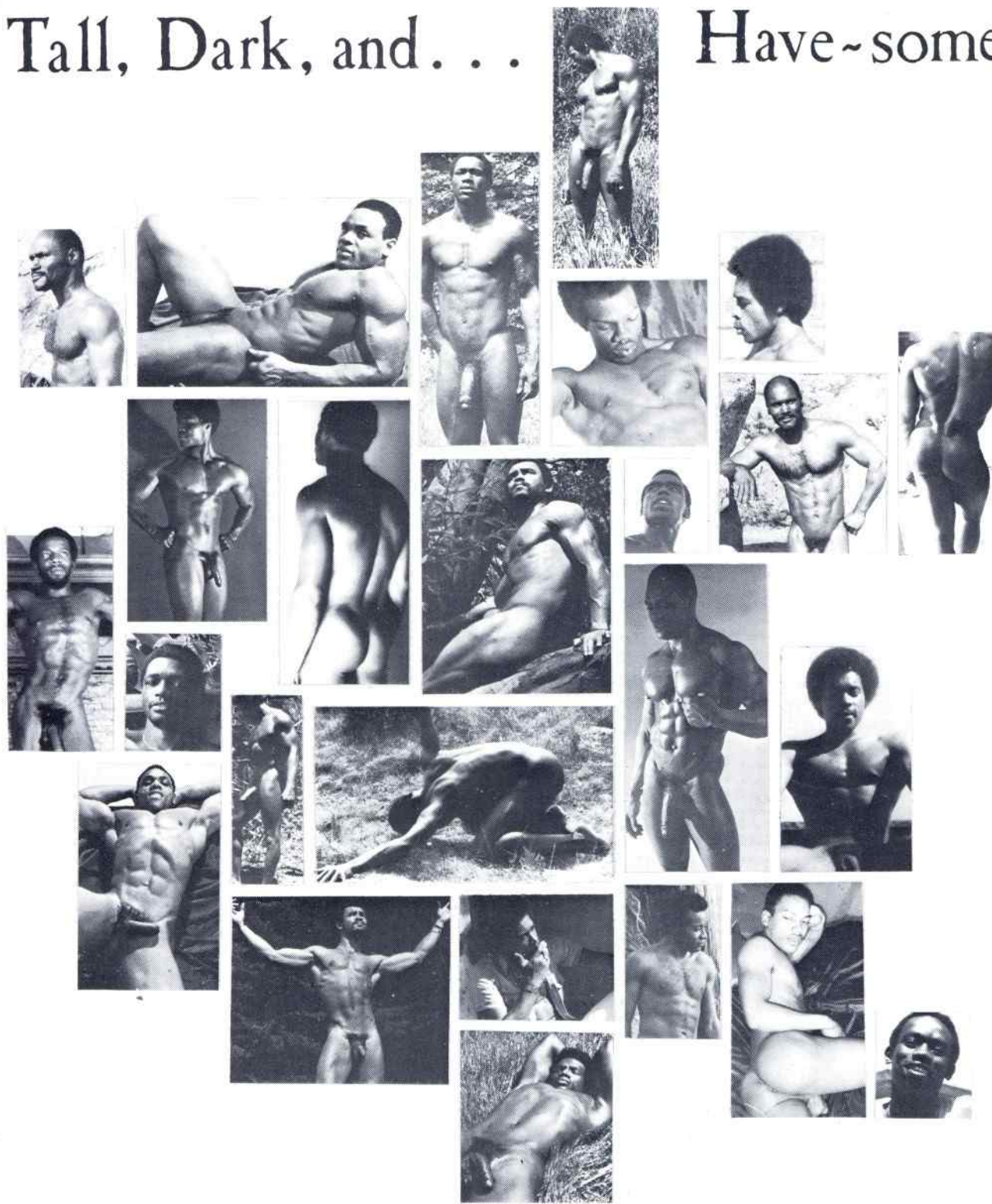
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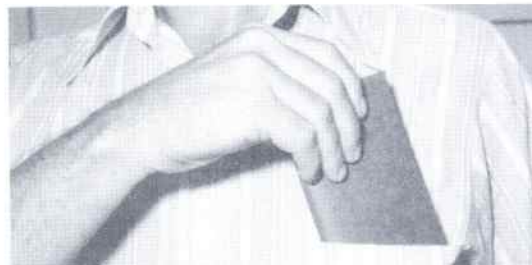
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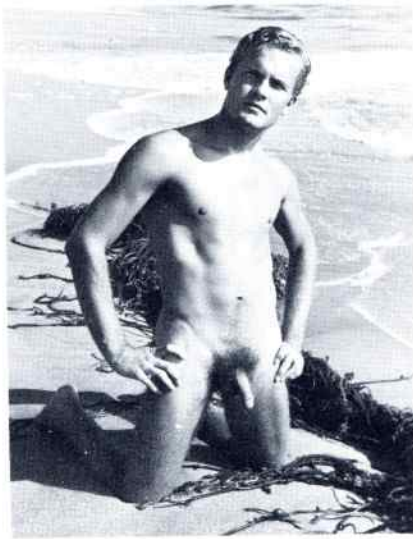
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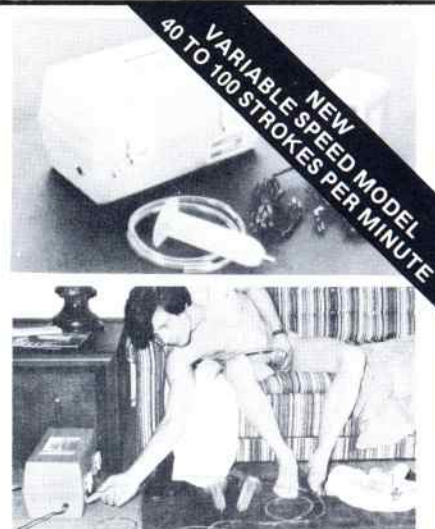
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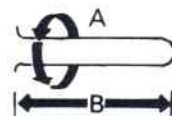
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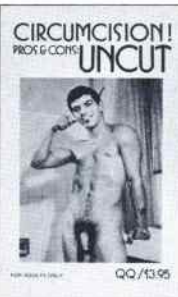
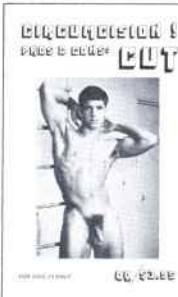


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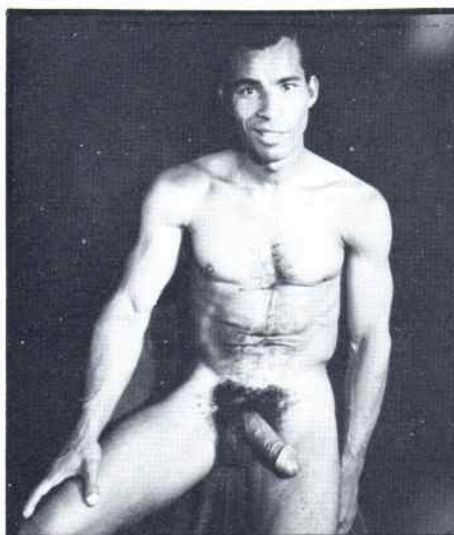


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**TORONTO:** Dutchman, young 38, 6', slim, quiet, sincere, 7 1/2", versatile, general interests plus levi/leather, no S/M. Seek friends with similar statistics and interests. Photo replies to: Box 218, Station A, Toronto, Ont., Canada.

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**D.C. CUTE,** young, slender, brown eyes/hair, just arrived from coastal south, interested in serious relationship w/guy under 30. Tired on one-nighters and bar scenes. No fats/fems/S&M. **M-52**

**J/O, W/S,** poppers, fantasies, uniforms, levis and leather, tattoos, porn, dirty talk, hot letters; masculine dude seeks same for meeting, writing. **K-28**

**NORTHEAST OHIO:** Hot, horny, masculine white male, 5'11", early 40's, widely traveled, wishes to hear from butch-appearing males. Photo appreciated. No dope heads, Orientals, hustlers. **S-23**

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**HOT MOUTH** w/wild tongue, dig heavy sex talk, amyl, grass, music, porno, hot studs. Attractive 26, long hair, cut, want same. Photo, will return. S. Calif. "Red." **F-12**

**MALE, 5'9", 150 LBS.,** brown hair, lives in S.E. Portland, Oregon, interested in meeting someone who likes bicycling, fun times. Write, let's get acquainted. **S-19**

**WEST COAST SAILOR,** w/42, anxious to provide French service for Orientals. Penpals everywhere (especially Asian countries) welcomed. Versatile if necessary. Please write Mark. **D-22**

**WELCOME LETTERS** and visits from cowboys, ranch hands, bikers, truck drivers who dig st-looking dudes for sex. Must be butch appearing. **L-41**

**NYC AQUARIAN,** W/M, mature 24, sensitive, intelligent and loving. Would enjoy meeting other gays who are seeking metaphysical and spiritual growth. Let's discover our minds and bodies together. Sincere only. **D-32**

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**TITman** looking for hairy knobs. Size, age unimportant. Snap and description please. **O-2**

**W/M, 155 lbs.,** European, likes travel and nudism, seeks those over 40 and would like to hear from and meet Taurus or Leo, prefer hairy body. Seeking capable of sharing lifetime together. **K-19**

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**HORNY, DOMINANT,** masculine stud strongly into J/O scenes, use of toys, movies, games. Invite correspondence or live mutual action. Southern California. **A-4**

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**CHICKEN & TRAVEL:** Would enjoy correspondence with like-minded guys. Share notes on travel and where to meet them, take them, etc. Write to Jim Loren, 525 N. Laurel, Los Angeles, Calif. 90048.

**UPSTATE NEW YORK:** W/M, 25, Ivy-Leaguer, seeks pen-pals/partners into chicken/group sex. Dig honest, sincere young men. Often visit NYC/Boston. Friends under 35 send photo. **M-47**

**UPSTATE N.Y. AREA:** W/M, 37, own home w/pool, films, likes meeting others in area or travelers for weekends, nites. Write w/photo, or phone. D.J. Olenka, RD 1, Arrowhead Road, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (518) 584-0218.

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**CALIFORNIA:** Professional man, 38, white, would like to meet student for companionship and good times. Assistance possible. Also, would like to correspond with friends abroad; frequent visits to foreign countries. **O-6**

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